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HITLER'S ACHILLES HEEL

Admiral of the Fleet Lord Chatfield, who was the former Minister for the Co-ordination of Defence, thinks Britain should strike violent blows against Italy now.

Britain, said Lord Chatfield yesterday, had naval forces in the Mediterranean able to contain the Italian fleet, hold the Straits of Gibraltar and protect the Suez Canal.

Italy, in invading Greece through Albania, could maintain her armies by the short sea route across the Adriatic which was not an easy sea for the British Navy but there were always possibilities of night action and if Italy planned to extend her operations to the Greek islands, the British fleet might be given the opportunity for which it had waited.

The laws of strategy dictated: Strike at the enemy's weak spot with the utmost force.

Italy is the Axis weak spot and, those sea and air forces which could be spared from the defence of Britain against Germany should enable us to strike violent blows against Italy now.—Reuter.

TURKEY UNDER NO ILLUSION

Athens reports that the Soviet Union has promised to assist Turkey in the event of a German attack on the Dardanelles were ridiculed in Ankara yesterday.

The Turkish view apparently is that if the Soviet Union had felt strong enough to challenge Germany she would have prevented her establishing herself on the Black Sea coast.

According to reports reaching Ankara from Moscow, Soviet officials are already hinting that the Straits are of no great interest to the Soviet Union anyway.—Reuter.

SOCIAL JOTTINGS

Frau Goebbels presented her Propaganda Minister husband with a seventh child, a daughter, yesterday, according to Berlin reports received in Stockholm.—Reuter.

SOVIET DENIES SUPPLY OF PLANES TO GREECE

A report that over 100 warplanes have been supplied by the Soviet to Greece in the last few days is emphatically denied by the official Soviet agency, according to Moscow radio yesterday.—Reuter.

R.A.F. IN ACTION IN GREEK ZONE

Reconnaissance flights over Greek and Italian coastal waters were made by the R.A.F. on Wednesday and during one flight an Italian plane was encountered and shot down in flames.

A communique announcing this records attacks by the R.A.F. and the South African Air Force in the Middle East on six Italian bases and camps in Libya and East Africa.

A stores dump was destroyed, a military building damaged or set on fire and warehouses heavily bombed at Bardia and Tobruk (Libya), Telezan, Keren, Lugh and Feraidi (Italian Somaliland) and Massawa.

Our aircraft returned safely from all these operations, the communique concludes.—Reuter.

ITALIAN BOMBING ATTACKS

Lepanto, in the Gulf of Corinth, Agrinion and Egina, were bombed by Italian aircraft.

The raid on the latter place led to an afternoon alarm in Athens. Minor damage was done in all three places.

A 9 o'clock curfew for all foreigners has been imposed in Athens and this is believed to be connected with a police comb-out.

It is hoped that British subjects, as allies, will receive permits permitting freedom of movement shortly.—Reuter.

Greatest Depth Of Advance Six Miles

THE GREATEST DEPTH OF THE ITALIAN ADVANCE AT ANY POINT IS ONLY SIX MILES, ACCORDING TO AUTHORITATIVE SOURCES IN ATHENS YESTERDAY. IT WAS STATED THAT THE ITALIAN ARTILLERY ARE POUNDING THE GREEK ADVANCED POSTS BUT NOWHERE HAS CONTACT BEEN MADE WITH THE MAIN LINES OF GREEK DEFENCE.

The Italians are using a large number of mobile field guns in which they are greatly superior to the Greeks.

The mountainous nature of the country on the Greek-Albanian frontier dictates only three practical lines of advance for the Italian forces.

In the north-east, the gap in the high ridges which affords an approach to Florina, on the road to Salonika, is exceptionally well guarded by the Greeks.

The Italians had concentrated heavily at Kioleka, in Albania, for the drive against Florina but hitherto they have failed to make any significant progress.

Another gap is found in the centre of the front. This leads only into difficult country where few if any strategic advantages are to be won by an attacking force.

Near the coast is a third line between the mountains and the sea.

Brilliant Feats

Stories of brilliant feats of arms by Greek soldiers are beginning to reach Athens.

An entire division of Italian Alpine troops is reported to have been held up for many hours in the mountains by only three Greek companies.

Elsewhere, a Greek platoon, making clever use of the ground, routed two Italian companies.—Reuter.

200 Bombs On Patras

The Greek port of Patras, where more than 100 were killed on Monday, has again been heavily attacked from the air.

A communique issued by the Ministry of Public Safety in Athens states that in two raids on Wednesday damage was caused by eight planes to a number of houses but only one person was injured.

It is reported that the 110 bodies hitherto recovered after Monday's bombing include those of a priest, a police official, 30 women and 45 children.

More than 200 bombs are said to have been dropped on Patras, destroying a large number of buildings, none of which could be described as a military objective.—Reuter.

Coastal Attack

The strongest point of the Italian attack is coming from Konissolis, on the coast opposite Corfu, but the Greeks do not appear as yet to have come into

contact with the main Greek defence lines.

Further north, the Greeks are reported to have captured an Italian outpost, while there are other outpost clashes in the Florina area near the border and west of Salonika.

A dusk-to-dawn curfew has been imposed on all foreigners in Athens, and they may no longer travel between towns without a permit.—Reuter.

Italian Excuses

Italian apologists are finding an excuse for the slowness of their advance on the Greek frontier.

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BERLIN'S CHANGE OF TUNE

The Wilhelmstrasse's view of the Italian conflict with Greece has changed, stated the Berlin correspondent of the "Basler Nachrichten" yesterday.

It is suggested the Italo-Greek war will soon have consequences for Germany's relations with Hungary.

Official circles in Berlin compare Italy's action in Greece with Germany's action in Norway.

The political solidarity of Berlin and Rome is now emphasised, seeing that "the action against Greece is part of the common warfare against Britain."

Neutral observers are seriously concerned at the danger of an extension of the Italo-Greek conflict, adds the correspondent.—Reuter.

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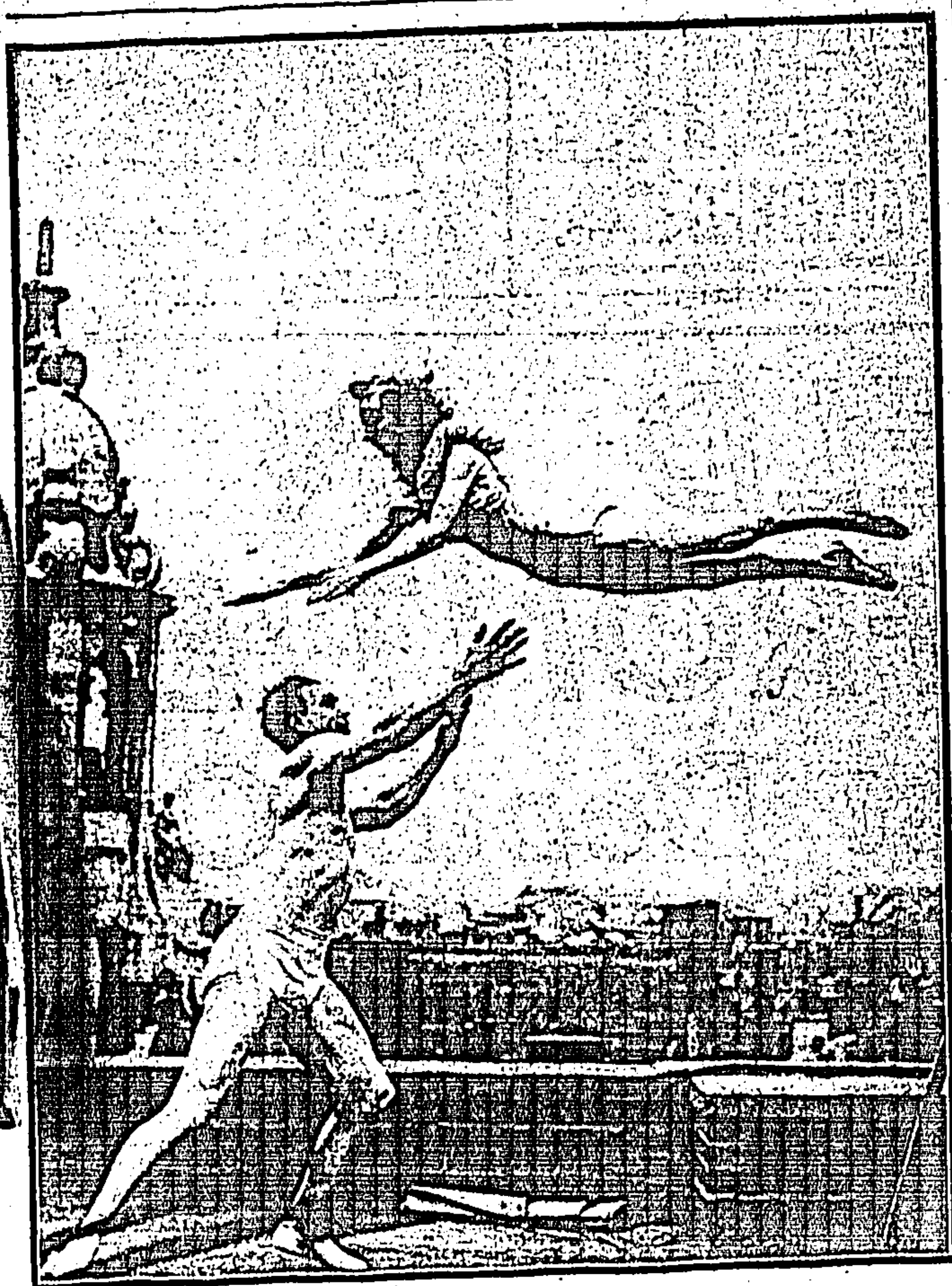
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WENDELL WILLKIE ON

"WHEN I AM PRESIDENT"



Raiders may come and raiders may go, but acrobatic dancers are not deterred from rehearsing their act on the Dominion Theatre, high over London. Here Merton is seen taking a flying leap into Ballo's arms. (Copyright, Fox).

Axis Manoeuvres To Find Out British Plans

IN THEIR ATTEMPTS to goad Britain into revealing her movements and the extent of her aid to Greece, the Axis Powers are busy putting out all sorts of stories, saying one minute that Britain has abandoned Greece and the next that strong forces of British 'planes are expected there at any moment.

Neither manoeuvre is tricking Britain into disclosing her plans. Britain is keeping to her pledge to give all aid possible to Greece, but she has no intention of telling the enemy the manner in which it will be rendered.

The Greek Government is in full possession of the true facts. Nazi propaganda is also in favour of a patched-up peace, hoping that by this means the Axis Powers will gain their ends in the Middle East theatre without having to fight.

Berlin plans call for Greece to abandon her resistance, and the Nazis hope to achieve this by giving the Greeks all sorts of promises and assurances, after which they will proclaim that Greece has "discovered the illusory nature of British help" and has preferred to throw in her lot with the Axis in the "New Order."

Although this achieved some success in France, it is regarded scornfully in Athens, where it is pointed out that the Greeks have not been defeated yet, and that even if they are overwhelmed by sheer weight of numbers and arms, Greece will never capitulate, but will fight to the end in the confidence of ultimate victory. — Reuter.

VON PAPEN LEAVES ISTANBUL

Fritz von Papen, Nazi Minister to Turkey, has left Istanbul for Berlin, where he is to talk to Der Fuehrer. — Reuter.

THREE-TIER BUNKS IN THE TUBES

FURTHER STEPS ARE BEING TAKEN TO INCREASE AIR-RAID SHELTER ACCOMMODATION IN LONDON'S "TUBES" AND TO MAKE IT EASIER FOR PEOPLE TO GO TO AND FROM WORK.

On Monday next, express buses, stopping at only two intermediate points, will be run to the suburbs on 10 extra routes.

Buses lent by the provinces and Scotland to the L.P.T.B. already number over 400 and more are coming to help the Green Line country coach routes and other auxiliary services.

Bunks in three tiers are being put in Tube stations, increasing the accommodation and also leaving more space for people taking temporary shelter while passing the stations. Some of the shelters already have refreshment canteens and these will be expanded. A total staff of 1,000 will be need to run the canteens. — Reuter.

Roosevelt Accused Of Appeasement

AN ALLEGATION that President Roosevelt had been trying to "appease" the totalitarian powers was made by Mr. Wendell Willkie, Republican Presidential candidate, in a campaign speech at Baltimore, Maryland, yesterday.

Mr. Willkie promised to work for "the maintenance of peace in the Western Hemisphere," but said he would not stand for a policy of appeasement.

He contended the Roosevelt Administration had been "helping those very nations which the third-term candidate says should be quarantined."

Citing the recent release of a shipment of machine-tools to Russia, "the ally of Germany," Mr. Willkie added: "This is no way to protect ourselves. As President I won't help to mechanise the Red Army so it can carry out its purposes. 'We shall feel well content to mechanise the army of the United States.'"

Mr. Willkie said appeasement was the surest way to war. — Reuter.

JAPANESE BLAZE RETREAT

IN THEIR RETREAT FROM NANNING TO THE FRENCH INDO-CHINA BORDER NEAR THE COAST, THE JAPANESE FORCES LEFT A BLAZING TRAIL OF DESTRUCTION.

They set fire to each village and town they passed through. The first Chinese forces to reach Nanning found the city in flames, but last night's reports from Kuning stated that the fires have now been extinguished.

Civilian officials have arrived in Nanning. — Our Own Correspondent.

NO LIGHT ON GIBRALTAR INCIDENT

No further light has yet been shed by the British authorities as to the actual nature of the attempt by Italian officers to torpedo ships in Gibraltar harbour with a "special device."

One torpedo exploded harmlessly in the harbour while the other ran ashore in Spanish territory and has now been taken to Cadiz.

Naval observers in London recall that in the last war the Italians used a sort of "sea-tank" or miniature motor-torpedo-boat which could climb over obstructions at the entrances to harbours, and also a sort of raft with which men could swim into harbours to fix mines to ships.

In 1918, a "sea-tank" was discovered and had to be sunk, but two Italian officers used a raft to get into an important harbour and blow up an Austrian warship. — Reuter.

LINLITHGOW TO REMAIN AS VICEROY

Lord Linlithgow's term of office as Viceroy of India has been extended for a further period of a year, from April, 1941, it was announced in London yesterday. — Reuter.

GREEK PEOPLE RALLY ROUND

OFFERS OF AID FROM WEALTHY GREEKS ARE POURING INTO GOVERNMENT OFFICES IN ATHENS; ONE WOMAN SHIP-OWNER HAS WRITTEN TO GENERAL METAXAS, THE PREMIER, PLACING THREE VESSELS AT THE DISPOSAL OF THE NATION.

A Greek family living in London has cabled £5,000 as a contribution to the air force, and many public and private bodies in Greece have remitted large sums for the same purpose. — Reuter.

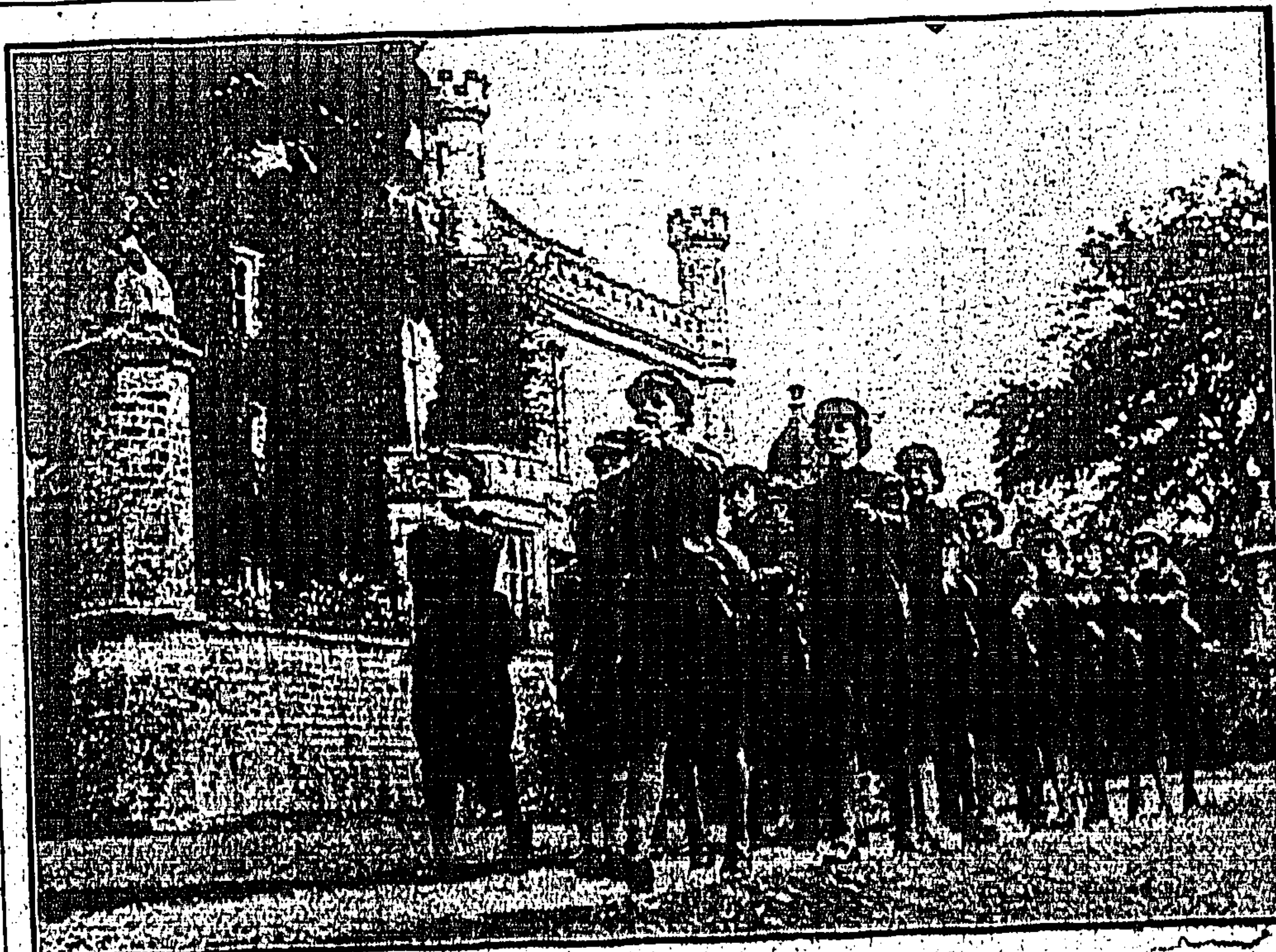
SOMALILAND BASES RAIDED

South African aircraft attacked the military camp at Ferrandi, Italian Somaliland, on October 29, it was announced in Nairobi yesterday. Bombs were dropped among buildings in the target area.

Other units of the South African Air Force carried out reconnaissance flights; all returned safely. — Reuter.

LORD GORT'S VISIT TO ICELAND

Viscount Gort, Inspector-General to the Forces for Training, has returned to England after a fortnight's visit to the troops in Iceland, according to a War Office announcement in London yesterday. — Reuter.



Ketteringham Park, the Norfolk home of Sir Raymond and Lady Bolleau, is now a training "camp" for girls of the women's Transport Service (the F.A.N.Y.). Lady Bolleau, who is Ethel Bolleau, the novelist, is an officer of the corps and she runs her house as a training centre where twenty girls at a time take a course which lasts a fortnight. A recent batch of trainees included Mrs. Richard Tauber, a recruit who transferred from a newer but similar organisation, the Mechanised Transport Corps. Photo shows the beautiful house forming a striking background to some of the girls on the march. (Copyright, Fox).

Holland Intended For Absorption Into Reich

EARL BROWDER'S WIFE TO BE DEPORTED

The U.S. Department of Justice yesterday ordered the deportation to Russia of Mrs. Raissa Berkman Browder, wife of Earl Browder, the communist leader, on the ground she entered the United States illegally.

The Browders were married in Moscow in 1926.—Reuter.

CANADIAN 'PLANES FOR BRITAIN

Canada will be able to ship complete aeroplanes to Great Britain within a few months.

Hitherto Canadian companies have only built aircraft frames, engines being installed in British plants. Now, engines will be built in the Dominion so that the Canadian defence forces will not be so dependent on supplies from Britain and the United States.

Negotiations are now under way with a British firm to obtain patents and plans. British craftsmen will be sent to Canada to supervise the construction of plant.

While normally it would require two years before the first units could be produced on a mass production basis, it is estimated that, with the help of skilled British craftsmen, Canadian production will begin within a few months.

About 11,000 persons are now employed in the Canadian aircraft industry—an increase of roughly 40 per cent during the last three months.—Reuter.

POLISH-CZECH COOPERATION URGED

CLOSE COOPERATION BETWEEN THE POLISH AND CZECHOSLOVAK PEOPLES "WHO ARE IN THE SAME ARENA FIGHTING FOR GOD AGAINST THE DEVIL" WAS URGED BY M. JAN MASARYK, CZECHOSLOVAK MINISTER IN LONDON, IN A SPEECH TO THE NEW EUROPEAN CIRCLE IN LONDON YESTERDAY.

M. Masaryk said: "We are not doing any sabotage for the simple reason that we would be massacred but the wheels of Skoda do not revolve quite as quickly as they did two years ago and things do not come out as beautifully finished as they did."

M. Masaryk added they were fighting Lavo just as much as Hitler and it was a terrible idea that the soul of France was going to be chained to Hitler's apple-cart.—Reuter.

HOLLAND HAS BEEN converted into a Fascist totalitarian State on true Nazi lines, stated the Dutch newspaper "Vrij Nederland" ("Free Holland"), published in London, yesterday.

Describing the system introduced by the Germans the newspaper says: "The country's national administration has been centralised by the German Governor, Seyss-Inquart, and placed in the hands of four Germans, each administering several Ministerial departments and accountable only to Seyss-Inquart himself.

"Replacement of burgomasters by Germans is proceeding methodically and Seyss-Inquart has reorganised the conditions under which State officials are appointed in furtherance of the efforts to consolidate the German occupation.

"He also has power to appoint and dismiss all Government, Civil Servants, railway, banking and judicial authorities and mayors.

"The distribution of news to the Dutch people is also cut to totalitarian pattern."

Never Jam To-day

The newspaper adds: "Dutch annoyance is growing and has been increased by the fact that the Germans have not succeeded, despite their promises, in bringing 'jam to-morrow' into being.

"On the contrary, the standard of living in the Netherlands is rapidly getting lower, rationing of food, clothes, petrol and other important supplies being extremely severe."—Reuter.

CAPTURE OF GREEK SHIP CLAIMED

The Greek steamer Attica (1,400 tons) has been captured by the Italians, stated the German radio yesterday. The steamer was en route from America to Greece with a mixed cargo of oil, copper, types and glycerine.—Reuter.

COAL WILL SOLVE OUR OIL PROBLEM

While R.A.F. bombers are smashing up Germany's synthetic oil plants, Britain is getting down to the job of increasing the yield of home-produced fuel from coal.

Recommendations made by the Ridley Committee are now in the hands of the Secretary for Mines, Mr. D. R. Grenfell, himself an untiring advocate of plans for extracting oil from coal.

As an immediate war measure, he has addressed an appeal to the gas and coke industry to increase its recovery of benzole from coke by making existing recovery equipment more efficient; by expediting the installation of equipment already on order; and by putting in such equipment where none now exists.

Gas works and coke ovens are already expected to recover 15,000,000 gallons more crude benzole in 1940 as compared with 1939, and, by voluntary effort alone Mr. Grenfell believes that this quantity can be increased, again, by another 12,000,000 gallons.

Tuolene, used for high explosives such as TNT, is another by-product of coal, made by processing coke, whose production will be increased.

Plans are in hand, too, for increasing the number of vehicles using producer-gas and gas-bags.

Gas Trailers

At the moment between 500 1,000 heavy vehicles, including buses, are equipped with producer-gas trailers. On an average

CANADIAN WAR CONTRACTS

New contracts for war supplies totalling 2,280 and representing an average of one contract every 70 seconds during each working day, were placed in the first week of October by the Ministry of Munitions.

This was the largest number of contracts placed in any week since the war began.

These facts were given by the Canadian Minister of Munitions and Supply in Ottawa yesterday.

He further stated that three times as many contracts had been placed in six months since the Ministry took over the work of the War Supply Board, compared with the previous nine months.

Orders for Canadian account total 86 and £750,000 plus nearly £30,000,000 for British account.—Reuter.

each vehicle saves nearly 2,000 gallons of petrol a year.

More than a thousand cars carry their own gas-bags for fuel, and they will become a more common sight in the near future.

In addition to the Ridley Committee, five other committees are at work studying various technical methods by which home-produced fuels can be made to take the place of imported oils.

Report Soon

They are to report soon to an advisory board set up by the Mints Department, since the war and consisting of representatives of industry, finance and science.

An authoritative survey shows that the home production of tar, creosote and pitch, all coal by-products from which motor spirit and oil can be extracted, can take the place of imported fuel oil and bitumen to the extent of 300,000 tons in the current year.

It has been estimated by experts that British coal could be made to yield 90,000,000 gallons per annum if planned use were made of the processes already known to technical science.

Germany and Italy have a large number of synthetic oil plants. Even Russia, which is the second oil producer in the world, thinks it necessary to augment her natural flow by extracting oil from coal.



A feature of a Fete arranged by Air Cadets at Bedford, was a baby show. Photo shows one of the young lads in blue with two of the competitors. (Copyright, Fox).

PURCHASE OF SHIPS IN AMERICA

THE FACT THAT THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT HAS ORDERED A LARGE NUMBER OF FREIGHTERS FROM THE UNITED STATES WAS DISCLOSED IN WASHINGTON BY MR. HENRY MORGENTHAU, SECRETARY OF TREASURY.

Mr. Morgenthau said he did not know whether the orders involved the construction of a new shipyard in the United States for exclusive British use and declined to give details beyond saying the British had ordered a large number of one standard type freight ship.—Reuter.

NEHRU ARRESTED

Jawaharlal Nehru, one of the two men chosen by Mr. Gandhi to make anti-war speeches in India, was arrested at Allahabad last night, according to Delhi radio.—Reuter.

FIRMER TREND ON STOCK MARKET

Business on the London Stock Exchange yesterday was small and mainly confined to investment issues. Nevertheless the trend generally was firmer. Gilt-edged and some railways appreciated. Kafirs improved on local support. Oils were better after early hesitancy. Movements of industrials were few but generally in holders' favour. Wall Street was firm.—Reuter.

BELGIAN ENVOY TOLD TO DEPART

The Belgian Ambassador to Spain left that country yesterday at the request of the Spanish Government.

His "personal attitude before and during the war" is given as the reason for the Spanish Government's request.—Reuter.

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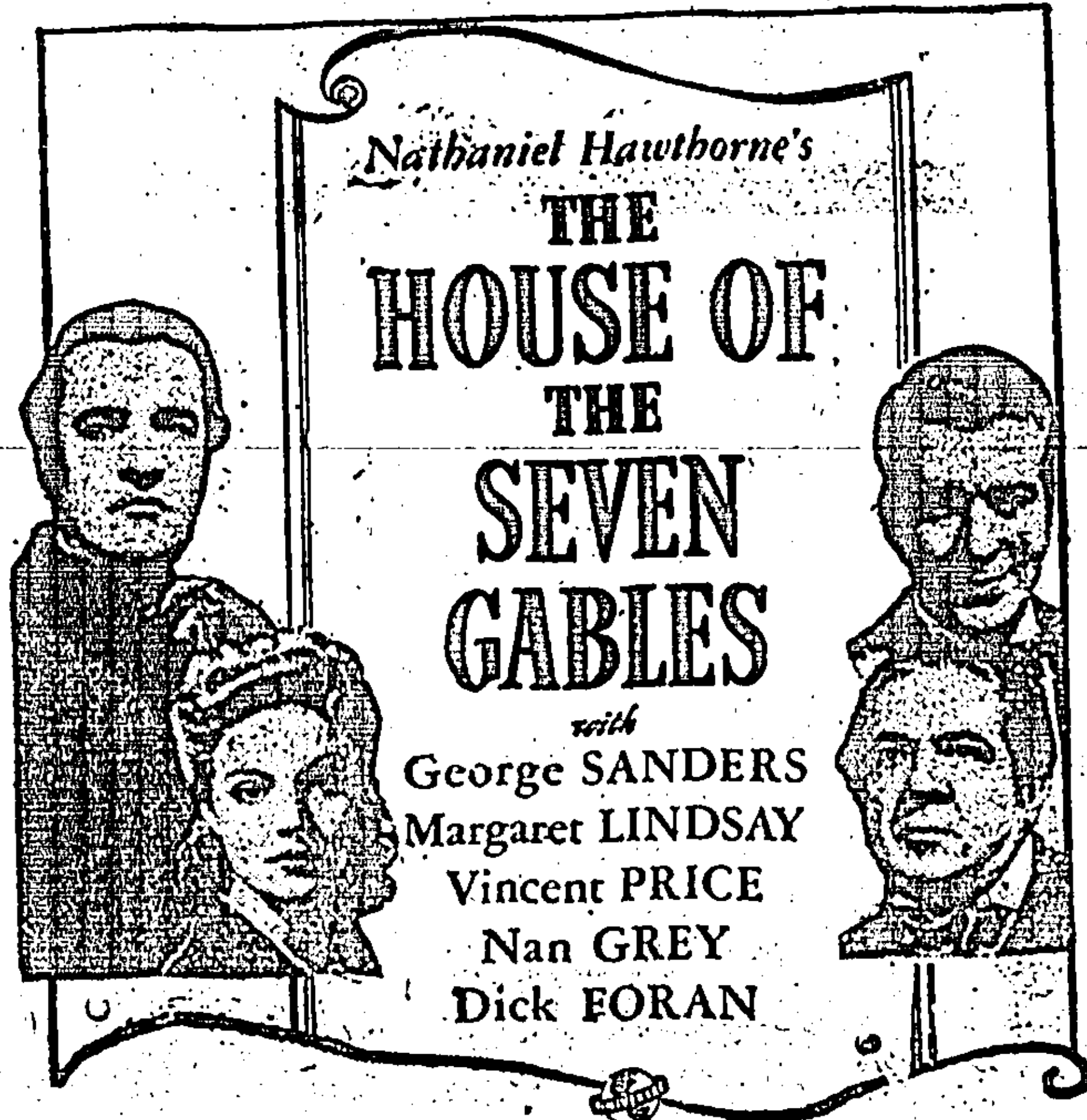
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BRITAIN ASKS U.S. FOR 3,000 WARPLANES EACH MONTH

THE UNITED STATES at present is sending Britain between 250 and 300 planes a month, it was estimated in Washington yesterday, and with every effort being made to speed up production, this figure should be steadily increased.

President Roosevelt's allusion in his speech at Boston to Britain's request for additional planes refers to the scheme broached by British purchasing officials to the Treasury some weeks ago, when they enquired if it would be possible for the United States to produce 3,000 planes a month for Britain.

Investigations showed this was hardly feasible and would require the establishment of nearly 40 new factories.

Estimates were given for the production of about 1,300 planes a month, and a new British order for 12,000 planes, including both fighters and bombers, followed.

Nobody can say when an output of 1,300 a month can be reached, since there are two serious bottlenecks in American industry, namely in the production of machine-tools and aero-engines.

Informed American sources, however, express the view that resort may again be made to the system of releasing to Britain planes ordered for the American air forces.—Reuter.

Fourth Programme

The new plan will be the fourth warplane building programme in the United States.

The others are 35,000 planes for the United States Army, already mostly contracted; the original British programme for 14,000 planes, and the new British order for 12,000 planes.—Reuter.

500 PLANES SENT IN OCTOBER

THE UNITED STATES SENT 500 MILITARY AIRCRAFT TO BRITAIN DURING OCTOBER, IT IS ANNOUNCED IN WASHINGTON. THE AVERAGE NUMBER IS EXPECTED TO BE INCREASED TO 800 BY DECEMBER.

Britain has ordered 14,000 military planes and wants a further 12,000.

President Roosevelt says that he has asked the Priorities Board to give this request their most sympathetic consideration.

The R.A.F., he says, is stronger to-day than it was three months ago, despite losses, and this is due partly to purchases from the United States.

Rapid progress is being made towards the goal of American aircraft production of 50,000 machines a year.—Reuter.

U.S. ENLISTS AID OF MOTOR INDUSTRY

The United States War Department is reported to have planned the production of 12,000 additional bombers, largely with the help of the motor-car industry.

This programme, estimated to cost US\$2,000,000,000, is stated to have been planned to produce the 12,000 bombers asked for by Britain.

It is believed the War Department proposes the erection of two large factories to assemble parts manufactured in motor-car factories.

Whether these will be operated by the Government or the aircraft or motor-car industry has not yet been decided.—Reuter.

NEW TRADE ROUTE IS VIA DESERT

Heavy transport lorries rumbling across the desert will help restore Britain's export trade to the Near East, affected by war conditions in the Mediterranean.

These lorries will make regular trips between Baghdad, in Persia, and Haifa, Palestine's Mediterranean port.

The route is via Ramadi, Rut

MR. WILLKIE LAVISH WITH PROMISES

Mr. Wendell Willkie, Republican Presidential candidate, in an election campaign speech at Wilmington, Delaware, yesterday, said that if he was elected, the British request for 12,000 planes "would be insignificant." He would cause production to be geared to new heights, he said.—Reuter.

bah Wells and thence alongside the oil pipe line from Irak to Haifa.

Regular direct sailings via the Cape will be made from British ports to Basra, in the Persian Gulf, from where the goods will be transferred by rail to Baghdad.

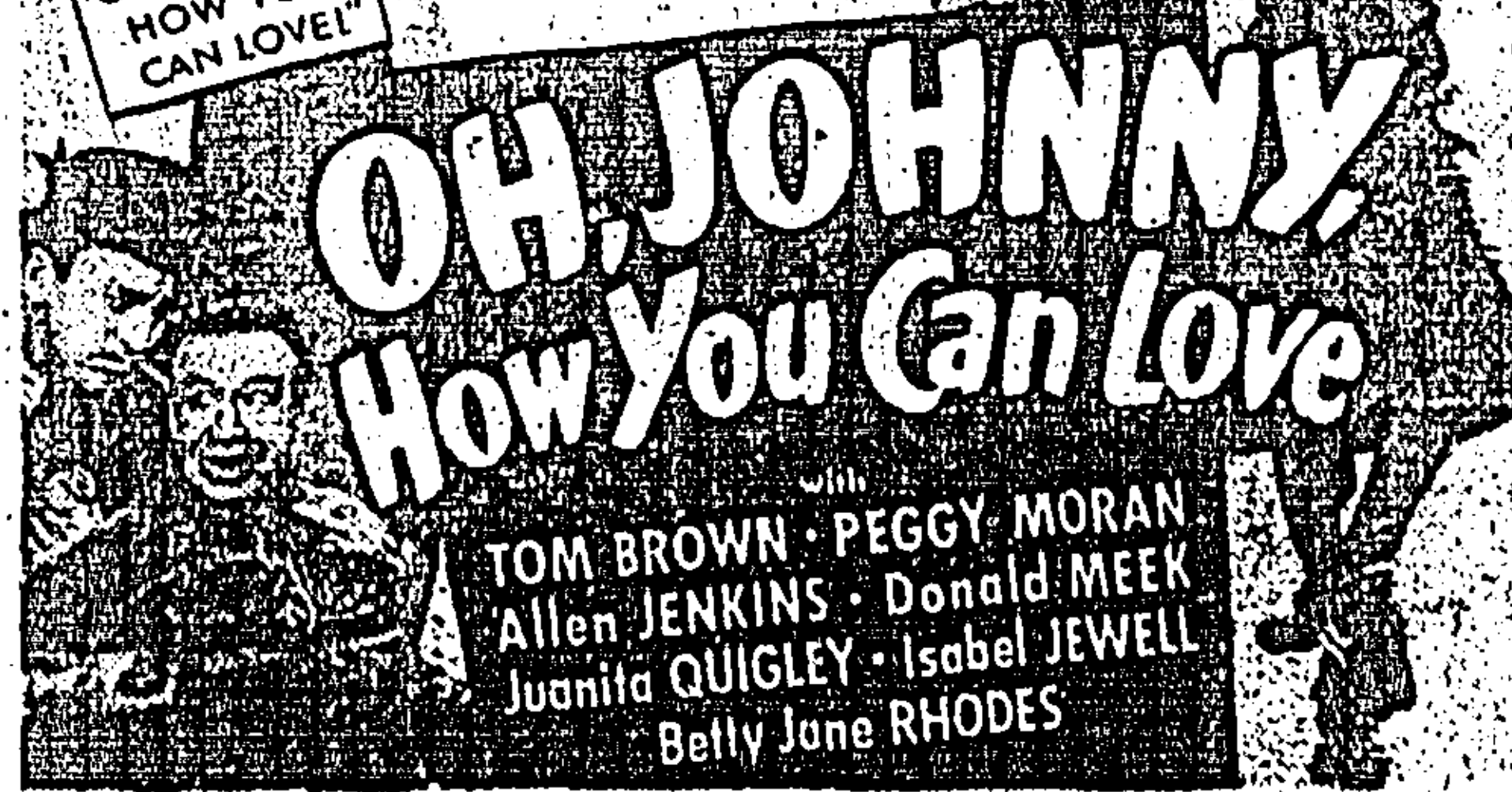
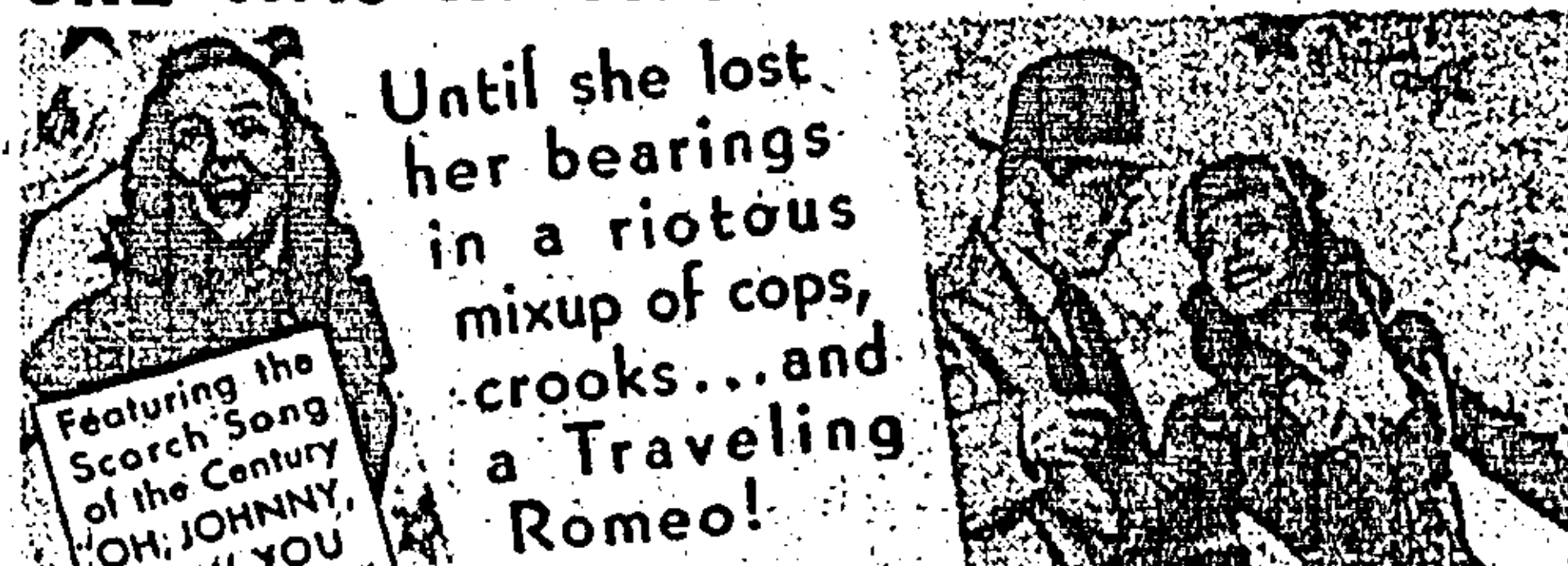
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Betty Field and Lon Chaney, Jr., are involved in this scene which takes place at Aguora Ranch, the setting of "Of Mice and Men," the Hal Roach production which opens to-day at the King's Theatre.

HOW THE R. A. F. PLANS 1,000 MILE RAIDS

"OTHER AIRCRAFT bombed the naval base at Kiel and an oil refinery at Hanover, the power station at Zschornowitz, north of Leipzig, and a number of key points on the enemy's lines of communications in the Ruhr and North-Western Germany."

The Air Ministry's communique says just that. It says nothing of the courage and skill of the pilots and crews of the bombers which fly for long night hours over enemy territory, of the careful organisation and intense training which account for the deadly accuracy of our bombing.

Here I am going to tell the story behind one of those raids. You will see that there is nothing haphazard about a bombing attack — nothing of the It's-a-fine-night-let's-go-and-bomb — something attitude, writes Ronald Walker, "News Chronicle" Air Correspondent.

The story really starts at Bomber Command, where targets — oil refineries, railways, canals, docks — are allotted to the groups. The officer commanding each group in turn allots a main target, with possibly two alternatives, to each squadron.

Hazard Is Their Routine

In the evening pilots, observers, navigators, radio operators and gunners receive detailed instructions for the raid. They sit like boys in school, and many of them are little more than boys. They accept hazard and danger as routine.

Now the scene shifts to the crew rooms in the hangars. Navigators are working out their courses and collecting their instruments. Flying kit is put on. Radio operators pack their gadgets. Pilots confer with their navigators. Vacuum flasks of coffee, packets of sandwiches and chocolates are stuffed into pockets. Everyone puffs at a final cigarette.

Crews Are Merry Men

With shouts of laughter, the crews pile into the waiting motor trucks and are driven in the fading light to their aircraft waiting in the far corners of the flying field.

The Wing-Commander watches his boys take-off on a flight of over 1,000 miles, several hundred of them over Germany. Soon the concerted rumble of all engines is reverberating against the doors of the big hangars.

One by one the heavily-loaded machines lift gradually into the air.

By midnight the people in the operations room are at the ready. On the table is a huge map of the north-western part of Europe.

Strong lights wink back from the shining head of a brass pin stuck in Germany. That is the target. The first bomber is due over it at 0115. It is now 2345. Somewhere hundreds of miles away nearly 20 bombers are flying steadily towards that brass pin, we hope.

Numbers That Tell The News

The clock hand reaches the quarter-past. The Wing-Commander lights another cigarette

and remarks that the sergeant-pilot of "B" aircraft is a first-class type. A minute or two later the signals officers pops out and hands over a message form bearing a series of numbers.

It means that "B" aircraft has reached the target and has bombed it. The Wing-Commander smiles and the operations officer, on a blackboard listing the raiders, scores a red chalk mark against "B" machine. Farther down, the return of "T" from the Dutch coast, owing to engine trouble, is noted.

One by one the bombers send back news that they have bombed the target. More chalk scores.

"P" aircraft then says it has been hit by anti-aircraft fire; undercarriage damaged; crash party to be ready when he lands.

Another message: S. O. S. from "G." Engine failure due to Ack Ack fire. Now over Holland.

Half an hour later "G" becomes silent. So against "G" the S. O. S. and the time are marked on the board.

All Are Homeward Bound

Nothing has been heard of several machines. Others are beginning to ask for position as they near home. At last all are known to be homeward bound except "G." The Wing-Commander supposes the crew must either have baled out over Holland or landed there.

Dawn has not yet broken when the sound of the engines of the first machine back are picked up. A line of lights springs up suddenly across the aerodrome.

At intervals the bombers land. As "P" is signalled, the operations officer telephones: "Fire engine and ambulance cars ready." But "P" makes a perfect touch down. The Nazi eh! did not do so much damage after all.

Wearily after nearly ten hours' flying pilots and crews come trooping into the operations room. To the intelligence officers they tell how they found the target and what resistance they met. They add news of the enemy, ships seen in harbours, aerodromes being used, strange light signals seen, movement on canals.

The interrogation ended, they troop off to breakfast and bed. The raid is over.

ADEN--GATE OF THE RED SEA

The most serious factor in our evacuation of Somaliland is the loss of prestige we have sustained among the small nations of the Middle East, and particularly in those southern Arabian States that lie on the eastern side of the Red Sea, writes Major C. S. Jarvis.

In the Yemen the spread of Italian propaganda and influence has been very marked of recent years; but as an antidote to this one must remember that the relations between the reigning house of Yemen and King Abdel Aziz Ibn Saud of Saudi Arabia have never been very cordial, resulting in actual hostilities a few years ago, and any definite pro-Italian move on the part of the Yemen might possibly tilt the scales sufficiently to bring in Saudi Arabia on the opposite side.

The loss of this small colony is due, like so many other repercussions in the Orient, to the defection of the French; but this does not absolve us for our neglect in the past to enlist a sufficient force of Somalis to enable them to undertake the defence of their own country.

Policy

The men exist and are keen on military service, but it has always been our policy to refrain from militarising African races despite the fact that our nearest neighbour and potential enemy was raising a huge force of black soldiery in all her possessions. Nevertheless, but for the fact that we have lost a small Dependency, and with it "face" to a more or less recent comer to Africa, Somaliland of itself is of little value to us.

It is a burning, barren land, and we held it solely to deny it to any Power who might possibly establish a naval base there and threaten Aden and the Red Sea maritime route. To Italy, who at the present time has very few ships in these waters, it is singularly useless, and may become something more of a burden than an acquisition.

During the last war, when Aden was subjected to an attack by a Turkish force coming from the interior, the tribesmen of the interior were, if anything, hostile to the British cause, but since those days much good work has been done by our administrators in the Dependency, and the situation is much improved.

Farther to the east in the more thickly populated Hadhramaut the "Ingrams influence" extends, for here Mr. Harold Ingrams, a recent Lawrence Medalist, has been working successfully for several years, and it would take considerably more than the loss of Somaliland to undermine his thorough spawdwork.

Little Chance Of Landing

Aden itself for a small port is adequately fortified, and it is difficult to envisage a successful landing here, or, in fact, any sort of landing unless Italy is in a position to obtain continued naval supremacy in the Red Sea, which at the present moment seems most unlikely.

Like so many other matters barred to us by the Censor, we are kept in ignorance of the extent of our forces stationed in Aden at the present time; but with Bombay less than 2,000 miles away we may take it that there is an adequate force from India and, unless the evacuated troops from Somaliland were sent to Kenya, they will be available also for the defence of the port.

The recent heavy bombardment of Bardia and Fort Capuzzo by our warships from Alexandria besides destroying dumps of petrol, ammunition, and other supplies assembled for the invasion of Egypt, must have brought home to Marshal Grazia the port that an active and aggressive fleet can play on the flank of an advancing army committed to a coastal road.

Even a temporary dislocation to communications in an undertaking of this description may result not only in failure but in disaster of the first magnitude.

CHINA MAIL
WINDSOR HOUSE

DUCE DESPERATE

The rift in the Axis lute, temporary and apparently overcome, is among the most significant developments of the past few weeks of tortuous Hitlerian diplomacy. In order to delude France into a course of action which would gain him strategic advantages, Hitler was prepared, on the surface, to give yet another display of his contempt for his Axis partner. On this occasion, however, Mussolini demurred, unmistakably, and the Fuehrer's rush trip to Florence was necessary to assure Il Duce that in the final double-cross, France would be the sufferer.

In the result, however, Hitler loses at both ends. The purpose of the Florence trip will not be lost upon the more intelligent minds at Vichy. Mussolini, with a long list of reasons for suspicion, will have had his doubts lulled but not eradicated.

Even during the months that Hitler's successes were dazzling and frightening Europe, some revelation of British power, some idea of the strength that the nation could put forth when organised and led with conviction, was provided in the successes of the Air Force and Royal Navy, and these kept Italy's leaders anxious against the time when Hitler would call upon Italy for action. When the signal did come, reluctance was overcome only by the clear opportunity for the stab in the back of France, and Hitler's assurances that the British Isles would be smashed within two months.

The attack upon Greece is, by and large, confirmatory of the conviction that Mussolini is fast losing confidence in himself and in Hitler's pictures of the Axis way to victory and the glory of force.

With his fleet unable to sail the sea he claimed as his own, his armies in Egypt stuck at Sidi Barrani, the totally unprovoked attack on Greece is readily explained as a desperate attempt to entice Britain into a division of her forces and to break the grip of the Navy on the Middle Mediterranean, which imperils the whole system of transport and supply between Italy and Libya.

The crude shamelessness of the attack, however, has merely added a determined people to the list of Italy's enemies and

British Sea Power Will Prevail

have now reached such a peak that the British Government has been able to establish free exports. This means that she will

By

B. MOLLER

I and my family have experienced no shortage of food or anything we wanted. With my knowledge of shipping matters, I know that stocks of raw materials

be able to afford to pay for increased imports; in other words the whole world's output of arms.

of food and of all other commodities necessary to win the war are at Great Britain's disposal.

The Germans were boasting only a few weeks ago that British sea losses amounted to such a high tonnage total that she was actually blockaded and would in the near future be forced upon her knees by famine and want of raw materials. That was at the moment when the bulk of British Naval forces were distracted from the surveillance of sea

routes to the brilliantly executed evacuation of 335,000 troops from Dunkirk and, subsequently, to securing that the betrayed fleet of France should not be put to use against herself. Once those operations had been successfully carried out, the Navy went back to its daily task and recent merchant shipping losses show a decline of not far from fifty per cent. of what they were at their height.

But even when torpedoing was at its height, losses from this cause had only just attained the figure at which they stood when, after the heavy losses of the first months of "unlimited submarine warfare" in 1917, the British Government could declare that sinkings had been reduced to such an extent that the danger of being cut off was definitely under control.

Now, in spite of the losses by submarine, mines and air bombing the British merchant fleet is larger than in September of last year what with the Norwegian, Danish and Allied ships which are now cooperating with Great Britain under the protection of her fleet.

In effect, such is Britain's naval power that only 47 out of twenty-eight thousand ships in convoy have been sunk. On the other hand Great Britain's blockade of Germany and of all the occupied countries of Europe, by stopping their imports of South American cereals, coffee, etc., has plunged the Central Powers into the heaviest economic crisis they have ever faced.

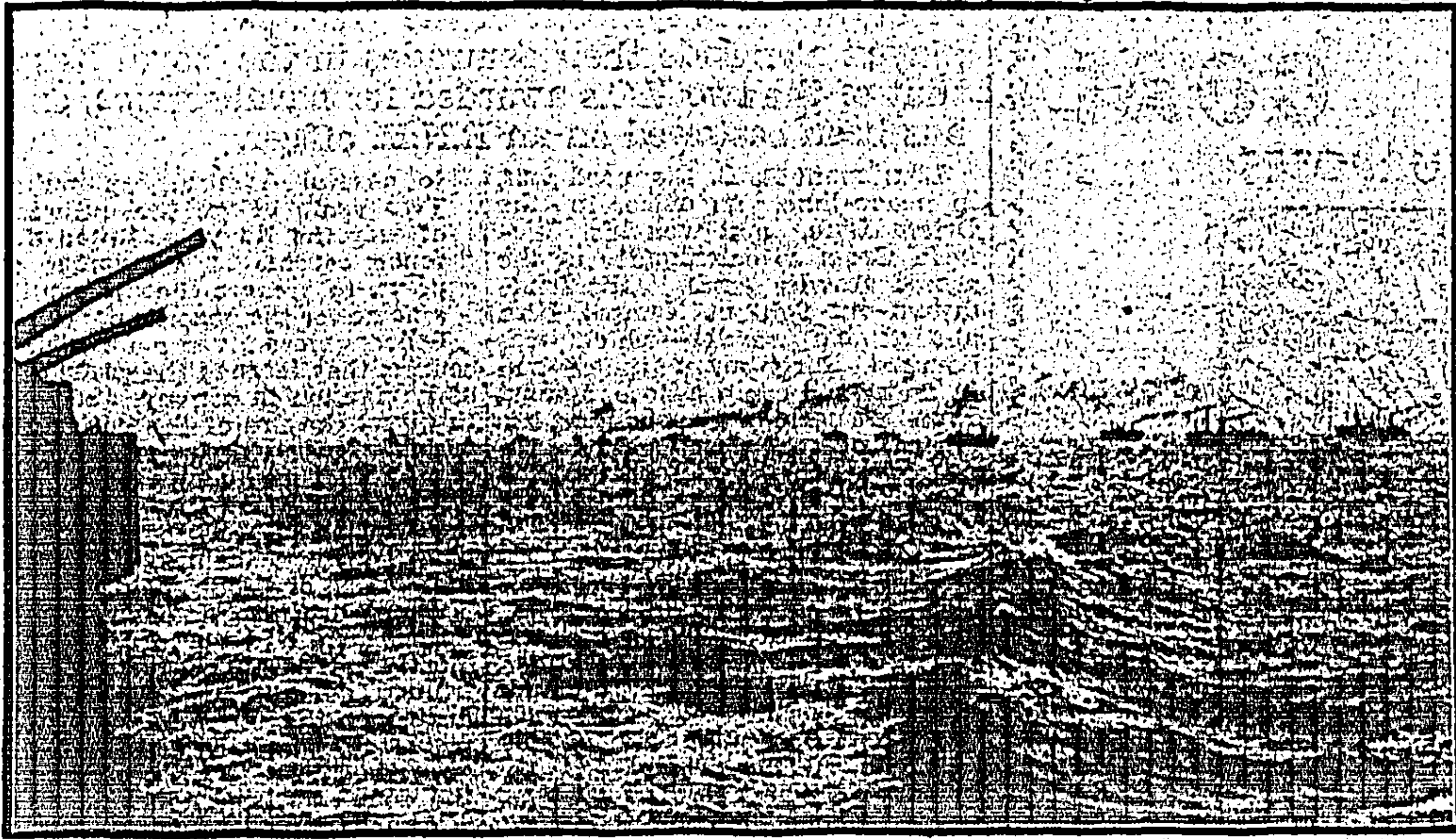
Under the very nose of the Germans at Cherbourg and Calais, British and Allied ships are daily sailing the Channel to London and other British ports. Food stocks in Britain are larger than they have ever been.

Long before the war, the German standard of living had been cut down to its lowest level and nothing more can be extorted from this source for the running of war. When the subdued peoples, when all Germany's neighbours to the South-East, North and West, have been forced to give up their stocks, to hand over their reserves, to work to the marrow of their bones for insatiable Nazidom, when they have been brought to starvation, nay when they are starving by millions—such as is already the case in Poland, and is imminent in Denmark—when they are themselves facing the fate they brought deliberately upon others, then the haughtiness of the "Herrnvolk" will give way and we shall see them as Brussels saw them in 1918, begging for mercy.

Danish seamen are eager to see this happen as soon as possible and are doing their share in bringing about the downfall of Nazi tyranny. They are willing to take their share in the strife, side by side with their brethren of the British Merchant Navy, by manning Danish ships as auxiliary cruisers, as minesweepers or in any other sphere where they can fight the common foe and help to restore the freedom of the world and of their own country, Denmark.

Not only spectacular heroism is needed. The war is not won only by sinking German submarines or bombing German aerodromes, but also by steady and silent work. Stokers, as well as the masters or the mess-boys—all are needed to keep up Britain's communications with the Empire and with the yet free countries abroad, the "lines behind the lines," which are not less necessary than the fighting squadrons themselves, in order to supply them with food, arms, munitions and last but not least, with the moral support which gives the final victory.

It is certain that no Danish seaman, nor any other Dane worthy of the name, will take up work for Germany and help to prolong the war and the sufferings of his own country, or his dear ones at home.



Hitler's blockade of Britain is not too successful judging by this photograph. It shows a British warship keeping a watchful eye on the convoy as it passes up Channel on route for home port—marking the end of another safe voyage thanks to the Royal Navy.

The Dodecanese Islands

By R. N. Rudmose Brown

On its western edge the high plateau of Anatolia, in Asia Minor, which politically is the chief part of modern Turkey, breaks down into a series of long peninsulas extending into the Aegean Sea. Beyond to the west is the island-studded sea. The whole of this sea, its coasts and its islands, may be regarded as Grecian both linguistically and historically. The Aegean Sea is a Grecian lake. But it is also a highway, and from time to time other Powers have impinged on its borders. In the south-east, off the coast of Anatolia, a long festoon of islands called the Dodecanese is one of Italy's least-known overseas possessions. As the name implies, there are twelve main islands, but there are also many smaller islets in the group. From north to south the twelve main islands are Patmos, Leros, Kalymnos, Kos, Astypalia, Nisyros, Symi, Tilos, Chalki, Rhodes, Karpathos, and Kasos.

Italy has changed several of these names or modified their further complicated his problem of achieving a finally satisfactory solution.

Hitler's career of victory stands checked in Western Europe in its most confident and strident hour. When to escape from the mess, he is willing to attempt to rat on his closest political intimate, Mussolini, that worthy's mood—"as well be hung for a sheep as for a lamb"—can be understood if not condoned.

spelling, but she has been unable to change the Greek traditions of centuries, so the Greek names may well stand. Few of these islands are large; most are only ten to twenty square miles in area. Rhodes, with 545 square miles, is the largest; Kos, with 112 square miles, comes next. The total area of the group is only a little over 1,000 square miles. Several of the islands are lofty, rising to three or four thousand feet in gentle slopes, but there is flat land around many coasts. With varying structure, the islands have different values. Some are made of ancient crystalline rock and yield poor soil and are little cultivated except in the valleys. Others, built of limestone, tend to be arid in the modest rainfall of the Mediterranean climate, but others again, with newer clays or volcanic soils which hold the water, give abundant opportunities for cultivation. Thus there is a great variety of produce, though it is irregularly distributed. Barley and vines do well; the olive, almond, and fig, and even the date palm, are cultivated in places. There is a little tobacco and some vegetables. Goats thrive on the drier ground and sheep manage to survive; cattle are scarce, as always is the case in the Mediterranean, with its lack of summer verdure.

In view of the relatively limited food production the population is surprisingly large, rather over 140,000, who are nearly all Greeks; with a few Jews. There are said to be 12 per cent of Italians apart

from armed forces. In addition to subsistence agriculture there are several other industries, of which sponge fishing is the most important. This has fallen from its old prosperity, probably because the introduction of diving dress, which temporarily increased the output, has depleted resources. Then, too, there is some octopus fishing, some silk manufacture, a little pottery-making and some wine manufacture, the last on volcanic soils which flavour the output. True to their age-long traditions, the outcome of circumstances, many of the inhabitants are town-dwellers, for the islands have had trading communities for many centuries. Rhodes, on the island of that name, has a population of 27,000, and Calino 15,000. Among the urban population Jews are numerous. Patmos is famed for the monastery founded in the eleventh century, and Kos had an ancient city of fame.

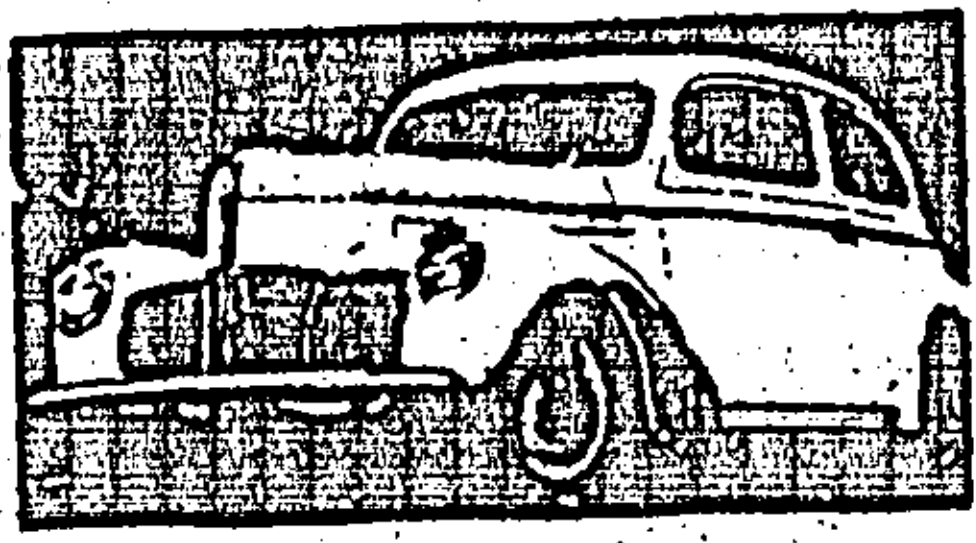
The islands have a long and varied history and were likely enough outposts of the Minoans in the declining years of their civilisation, but they have always been pre-eminently Greek. In 1308, however, Knights Hospitallers of St. John of Jerusalem installed themselves at Rhodes and claimed adjacent islands, which they held until dispossessed by the Turks in 1522. Under Turkish rule there was some prosperity and eventually a measure of autonomy, but the population fell in numbers. During the war with Turkey in 1912 Italy seized the islands, and she gained sovereignty over them in 1924, but Greece has never abandoned hope of regaining her rule over those outlying Greeks. The value of the islands as a naval base must not be overlooked. The harbours are small but good, and among the group a fleet might lurk. As a source of supplies, however, the islands could have little value. There are no railways, and only a few roads of value.

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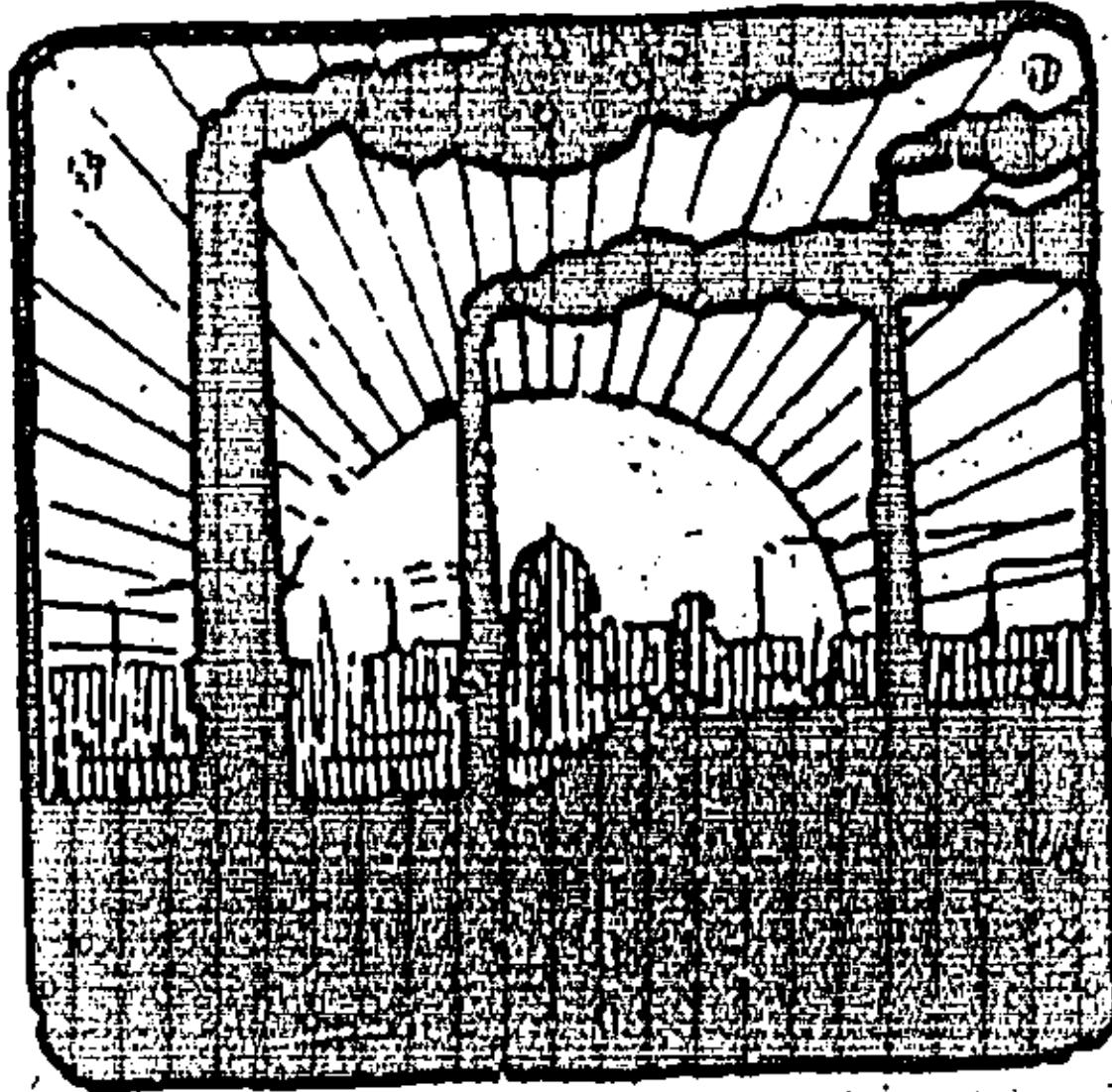
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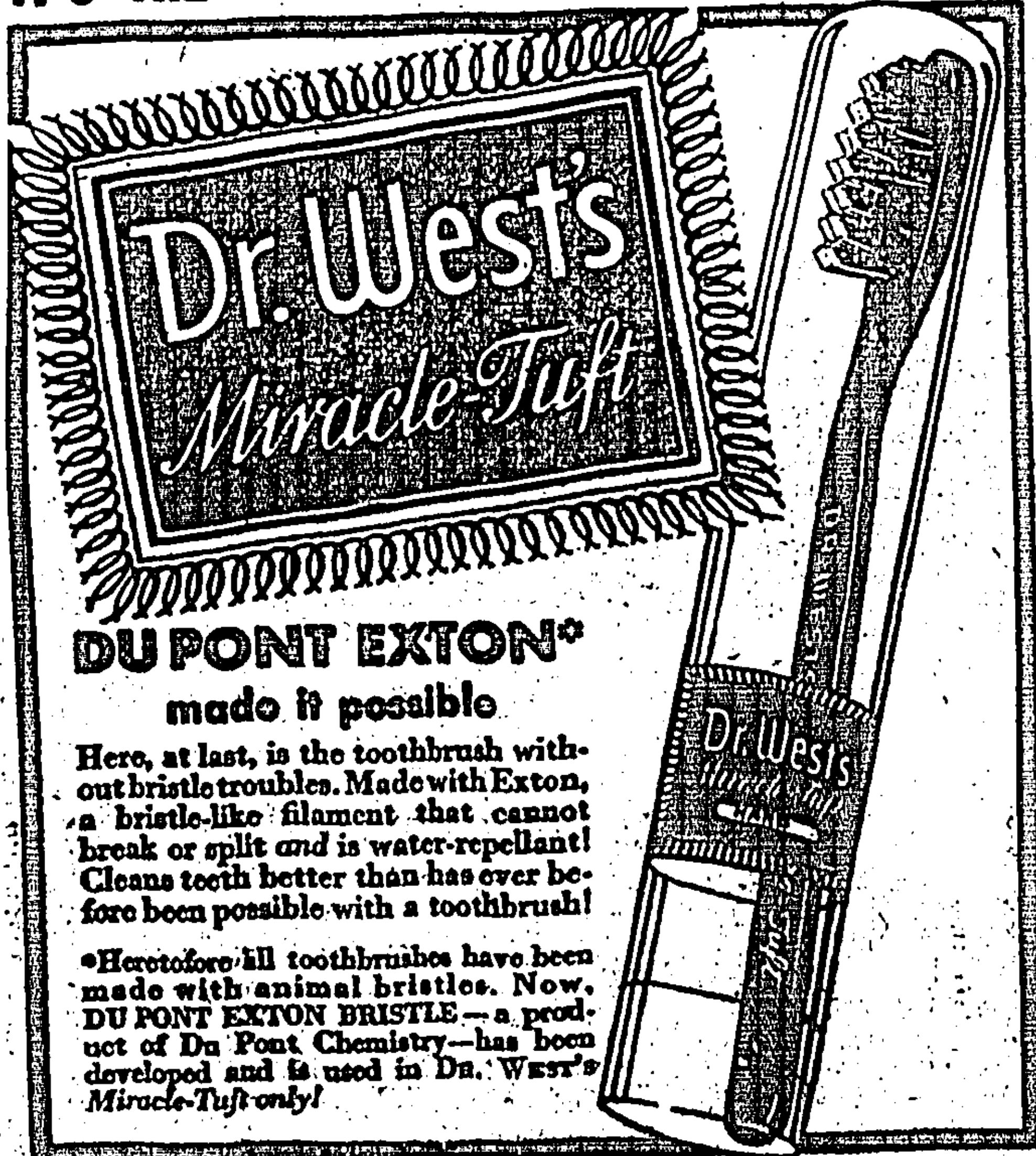
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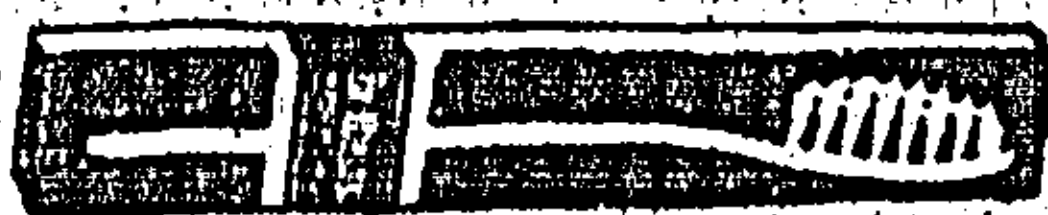
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Nevertheless, the Merchant Service has made a great contribution to naval strength. On the outbreak of war thousands of officers and men who were members of the Royal Naval Reserve joined the Fleet, and it is symbolic of the great part they have played alongside their comrades in the Royal Navy that of the two V.C.s awarded for naval service, one has been bestowed on an R.N.R. officer.

Lieutenant R. B. Stannard was, in peace-time, an officer in the Orient Line, and won his Victoria Cross as commander of the armed trawler Arab. His long-drawn-out fight at Namsos, both aboard his trawler—which was bombed thirty-seven times—and in an armed camp ashore, against Nazi planes and warships, is typical of the courage and resource which the men of the Red Ensign have brought to the service of the White Ensign.

Fishermen's R.N.R.

Further reinforcements came at the outbreak of war from the R.N.R. Patrol Service, drawn from the fishing fleets and employed on anti-submarine patrols.

The "Wavy Navy"—as the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve is nicknamed, from the wavy lines of gold braid that denote the rank of its officers—is not recruited from the mercantile marine. Its members were in peace-time engaged in shore occupations of every kind, with an inborn love of the sea as the common factor in turning them into spare-time sailors. This also applies to the R.N.V. Wireless Reserve, drawn from nautically minded radio enthusiasts, and the R.N.V. Sick-Bay Reserve, composed largely of members of St. John Ambulance Brigades.

Armed Merchant
Cruisers

These additions to naval strength were all available when war was declared. Other reinforcements have since come from the merchant and fishing fleets for a host of duties, notably for service aboard armed merchant cruisers. In these many of the officers and the complete engineering and catering staffs are the merchant service personnel who were serving in the ships in peace-time.

When the armed merchant cruiser Rawalpindi went down in the North Atlantic after a gallant fight with the pocket-battleship Deutschland and another German warship, twelve of the officers and more than eighty of the men lost in her—apart from the R.N.R. personnel—belonged to the merchant service.

In the third month of the war Germany launched her intensive attack on shipping by magnetic mines, and the patrol service was at once enlarged to meet this menace. For this the Admiralty called upon the men of the fishing fleet. Their answer has been magnificently effective—but the story of defence against mines is an epic that cannot be condensed into a few sentences.

Officers and men of the merchant service carried British Expeditionary Forces to France and Norway. The merchant service mans our hospital ships, and military and naval store carriers.

Recently another job has been found for the mercantile marine—the handling of the balloon barrage at ports.

Learning To Hit Back

There is another direction in which the merchant navy has become a fighting service. Merchant ships are now armed against planes or submarines, and, in this limited and purely defensive sense the whole mercantile marine is now a fighting service.

Its power to hit back is owed

to careful Admiralty planning. Two years before the outbreak of war the Navy instituted defence courses at a number of ports, to prepare the mercantile marine for the hazards of war.

Officers were given a fortnight's course; they learned the principles of navigation in convoy, and how to direct the fire of the guns with which their ships would be equipped. These courses are continuing, and up to the middle of the month 12,000 officers had passed through them and received certificates of proficiency.

There are also defence courses for seamen, and up to date 8,300 merchant seamen have been trained as gunners. Their certificates entitle them to extra pay from the Admiralty, and there is great keenness to be enrolled for the fourteen-days' course.

Apart from these courses, every opportunity is taken when a ship is in port to give as many of the crew as possible practical instruction in the use of guns, smoke-floats, and automatic weapons.

The story of the S.S. Highlander, which at the beginning of August brought down an attacking German plane by machine-gun fire and sailed home triumphantly with the raider's wreckage piled on her poop, was spectacular illustration of the value of this training.

The Poacher

On one memorable occasion the trained gunners of a merchant ship were baulked of their prey. It was at Dunkirk, and the gun-crew were preparing to beat off a vicious air attack, when a stoker who had come up on deck snatched up a Lewis gun, and, with one glorious burst, brought down the German before the trained men could bring their gun into action.

It was discovered that the stoker had served as a Lewis gunner in the Army during the last war.

But the value of defensive training is manifest in less dramatic fashion. It has tamed the arrogance of the U-boat crews; no longer do they batter helpless coasters to destruction by gunfire at their leisure.

Once a submarine has been forced under water before launching its attack it has lost much of its deadliness, it is less easy to manoeuvre, and, instead of using its guns, it must rely on its torpedoes, of which it has only a limited supply.

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guised as a Belgian peasant from far behind the German lines.

Lone Spitfire Attacks

Here are two other episodes from a day packed with incident: A section of Hurricanes attacked three Messerschmitts 110, shot down the lot, and carried on.

A Spitfire pilot who had become separated from his formation saw 30 Heinkels 111, and went in to attack them. He set one on fire and hit two others.

"Two Messerschmitts 110 then appeared on my tail," he says, "so I returned."

Three of the four enemy aircraft which were destroyed by the anti-aircraft gunners were shot down inside two minutes near the South-East Coast about mid-day. In the afternoon and at a different part of the coast the gunners added a fourth to their bag



Burgess Meredith, who has a leading role in John Steinbeck's "Of Mice and Men," now at the King's Theatre.

POLES BAG
ENEMY
BOMBER AS
"PRACTICE"

What was meant to be an "exercise" flight by the R.A.F. second Polish squadron developed into a real fight—and ended in the shooting down of a German bomber in North London.

It was on August 20 that the first Polish squadron to go into action with the R.A.F. brought down their first Nazi.

A number of other Polish pilots—flying as individual members of normal R.A.F. squadrons had already scored successes.

Now the second Polish squadron to fly as a unit on its own has unexpectedly entered the picture.

Six of their Hurricanes took off from an R.A.F. station with the intention of taking part in an exercise with six Blenheim bombers from another station, says an Air Ministry Bulletin.

They had no sooner made their rendezvous over a town on the north side of London than they saw what they described as "a very large enemy force" 7,000ft. above them.

Hit Ground—Exploded

Suddenly, one of the enemy, a Dornier, broke formation and dived below them.

One Polish pilot dived after him, while the other five remained as escorts to the Blenheims.

As the Dornier straightened out of its dive the Polish pilot closed and opened fire.

The Dornier burst into flames and plunged downwards, this time out of control. One of its crew baled out.

The Dornier hit the ground and exploded.

Having watched the Dornier to its end, the Polish pilot returned to his station, well satisfied with the result of the "exercise."

Bomber Destroyed

At almost exactly the same time three other Polish pilots took off with a British squadron to patrol the Thames Estuary.

The squadron met about 60 Heinkels and Dorniers flying in three formations about 200 yards apart and protected by large numbers of Messerschmitts 110.

Before the Messerschmitts had a chance to intervene the Hurricanes had attacked.

They had no time to watch for results, but two of the Poles destroyed a bomber.

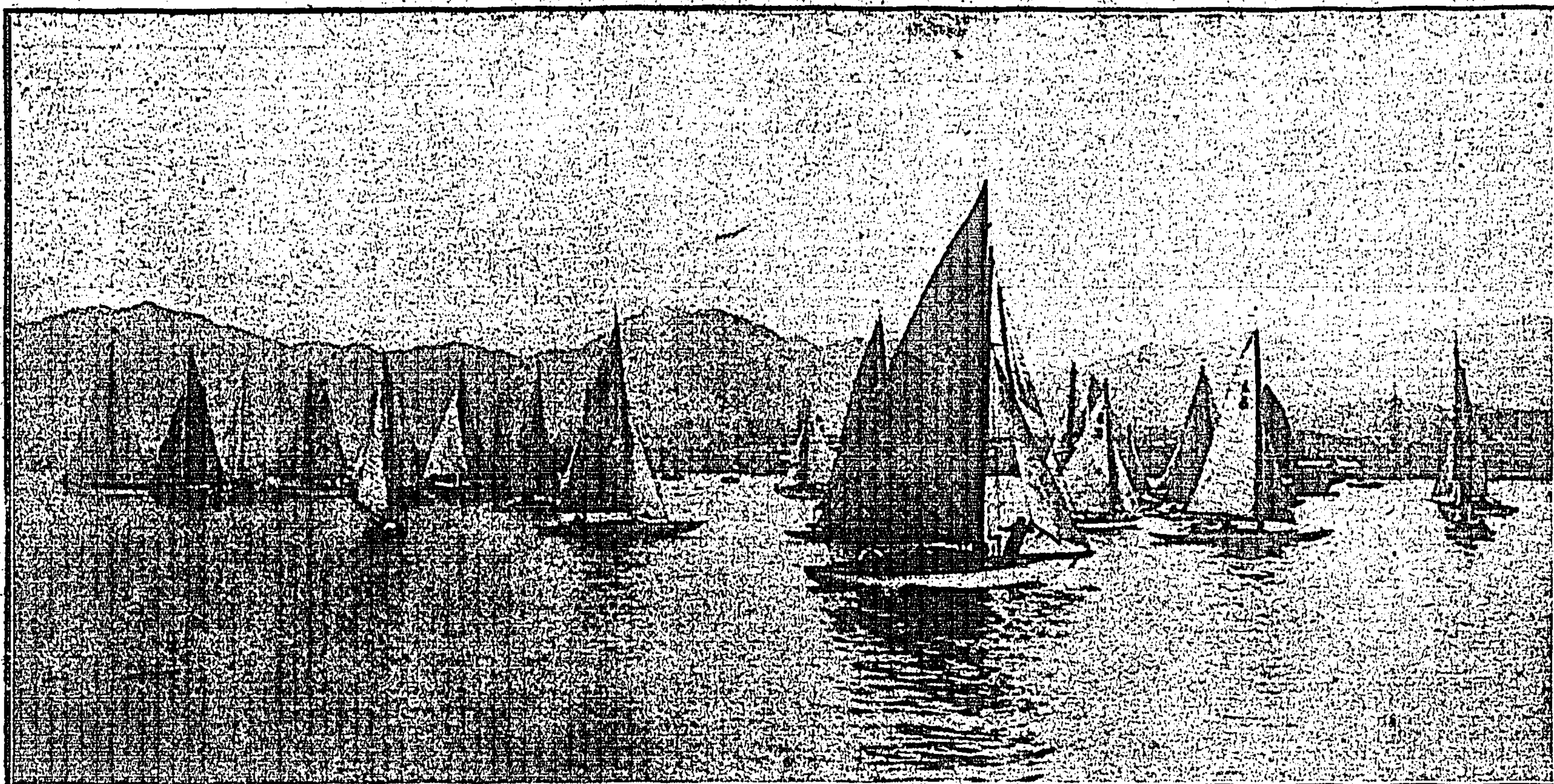
The third Polish pilot did not come back, and is presumed to have been himself shot down.

Other pilots, who contributed to the day's "bag" of 62 enemy aircraft included a station commander and a pilot officer, who towards the end of May spent an exciting ten days escaping dis-

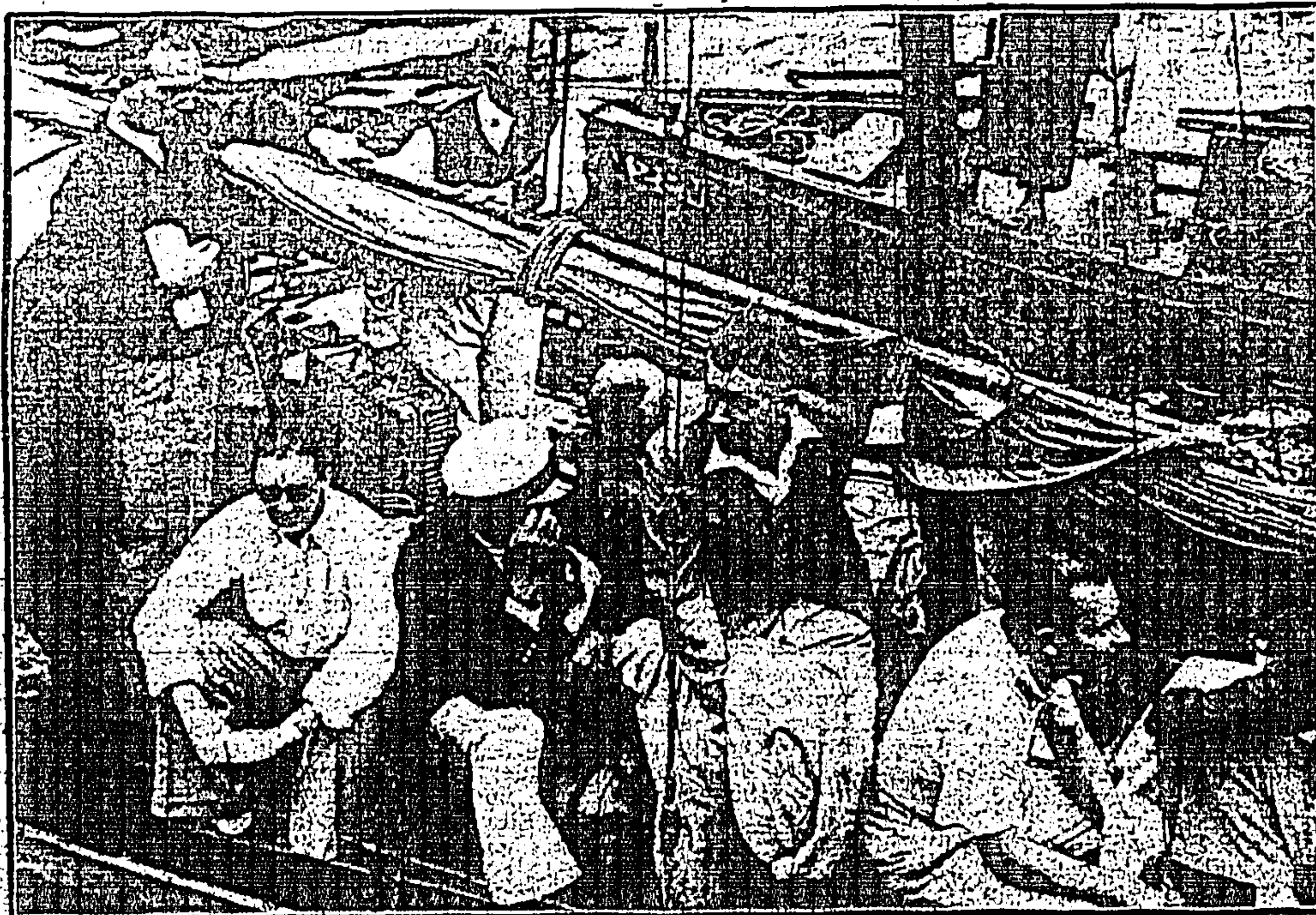
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FRIDAY SUPPLEMENT, HONG KONG, NOVEMBER 1, 1940.



A general view of the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club's fleet setting out on Saturday for the opening cruise of the season, preliminary to the formal opening by H.E. the acting Governor of the new clubhouse on Kellett Island. His Excellency sailed with the Commodore (Mr. N. V. A. Croucher) whose La Cigale I took first place.



A sampan trip out to the yachts which started from Murray Pier. H. J. Armstrong and J. F. Dunnett are among the yachtmen in the picture.



Major-General A. E. Grassett, the G.O.C., chatting on Murray Pier prior to Saturday's yacht race, the opening of the season.

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SHORT STORY

The Man In The Green Mask By James Corbett

MILDRETH HARRINGTON half-opened her eyes. She was conscious of a movement in her bedroom, of someone peering into corners. Then she closed her eyes again, but before they were shut she had seen something. It was the figure of a man, wearing a green mask, and in his right hand was a pin-point light. It flickered slightly, across her table, then it swept towards her, and at that instant her eyelids closed.

It was to give her time to think, to wake from her troubled sleep, for she guessed it was three in the morning, and she knew this man was a burglar. There was no need to scream out, but her hand slipped under the pillow. It gripped that little French revolver, and she withdrew it quietly.

"I should leave that alone!" came a mocking voice. "You are not the type, Mildred Harrington, to shoot straight, and your nerve is unsteady. You forgot one thing. When you moved in bed you knocked that other pillow on the floor, and I knew you were disturbed. I want your help."

The voice was charming, and it spoke in level tones. Mildred opened her eyes. Again she saw that tiny torch, that flash-lamp with the pin-point lens, and behind it her midnight intruder. He was wearing a brown suit, was exceedingly tall, but his face was hidden behind the green mask. She was certain he was handsome, with a virile personality, and she felt strangely thrilled.

"Please switch on the light," she begged. "I am not going to call for help, or do anything nonsensical. But you have made me dreadfully curious. Why have you paid me this visit?"

He took the French revolver, and placed it in a drawer of her table.

"The electric light might attract attention," he protested. "I have no intention of molesting you, but I have come on a definite mission, and time is an important factor. In your possession is a diamond bracelet. It's worth £250 at a low figure. I have searched those two drawers, also your chatelaine bag. You must solve the mystery!"

He stared at her quietly, noted the rush of colour to the lovely face, then the pallor, that quick indrawn breath. He gazed into her dark eyes, held them relentlessly, then smiled.

"Is that all you want?" she asked. "I mean, how did you know I have that bracelet?"

"That interests my profession," he responded. "There is nothing else I want—nothing but the bracelet—and make it snappy!"

She held up her left hand, and removed the bracelet from her wrist. With a frown, she placed it in his palm. She sighed at her loss.

"You must have a wonderful source of information," she announced, her tone resentful. "That bracelet was a special gift from mother on my last birthday!"

"What a pity to deprive you of it," he answered cynically moving to the half-open window. "Well, I'm sorry I can't give you a receipt, but I've forgotten my fountain pen, and I'm a clumsy writer. In case you think of pressing that bell, or making the slightest move for help, I advise you to think twice. It would be easy to silence you—and I could still get away."

She sat up and folded her arms behind her head. A faint moonlight was shining into the room. She knew it was useless to make a fuss, that a balustrade was outside the window of her London flat, that this marauder would make good his escape. Apart from that, she did not want him to leave. Not yet at least. She wanted to find out something about him, to hear again that voice.

"You seem to be in a dreadful hurry," she exclaimed in that low tone. "Won't you give some explanation? I mean—you are not the type, not the common cat-burglar. You have the University voice; you speak as if this act was distasteful, as if you were not used to it. Won't you tell me how it happened, how you have come to be in this position?"

"Why?"

"Perhaps I might be able to help," she faltered. "There is such a thing as reinstatement, and we all make mistakes. If it is money you want—"

He had reached the window. But he stood there waiting, that grin round his lips. His flash-lamp was still levelled.

"No, I don't want money!" he snarled; "just this trinket—nothing else. Thanks for your sympathy—but I'm afraid it is wasted."

"Is this your profession?" she begged again, wishing he would try to kiss her, or give her some excuse for tearing off that mask. "It is for to-night," he grinned. "But what a good job I disturbed you. Do you usually sleep with a diamond bracelet on your arm?"

"No, but that was a special gift, and I was afraid of losing it."

"From your mother?"

"Yes. Do you doubt my word?"

"Not in the least. But it does seem funny!"

"What's funny about it?"

"Never mind. You can think that one out, Mildred Harrington—but don't make me laugh too much!"

She bit her lip, and again the crimson rushed to her forehead. Now she felt she hated him, and he had had such a charming voice.

"How did you discover my name?" she asked tearfully.

He re-crossed the room, made a sudden movement, and caught her up in his arms. Without a word, he pressed his mouth close against her lips. It was the most wonderful kiss she had experienced, and she lay back exhausted. He moved to the window.

"You should not look so glamorous," he apologised. "However, I am giving away no secrets, and until we meet again—au revoir!"

She did not speak. She lay back against the pillow, breathing heavily, her eyes closed, yet knowing he had vanished, that he had departed as stealthily as he had come. She made no effort to sound an alarm, even to press the bell that might have brought the caretaker or summoned the police. Those thoughts never entered her mind. She had a deeper motive for her silence, and it caused her to bury her head in the bedclothes. She sobbed piteously, and not for two hours did she drift into a heavy sleep.

In the morning she preserved an odd composure, and not to a soul did she mention her midnight visitor. Apparently he was an expert cat burglar, and that balustrade gave him an advantage. What mystified her was something else. Who was her visitor, how did he know her name, and how could he be aware she had a diamond bracelet?

That afternoon, when she met her brother Anthony at Crichton's Cafe, off New Oxford-street, she seemed a different woman. He noted the alteration, and when he found a secluded table he remarked on her altered demeanour. Anthony Harrington was the Mayfair type, fashionably dressed, Bohemian in appearance, good looking, with features that spoke of dissipation. His brown eyes were far from steady, the pallor of his cheeks significant. He glanced at the blue costume worn by his sister, at the modest hat, at the pale face stressing a restless night.

"You look as if you had been on the tiles," he grinned, after giving an order to the waitress. "You have lost that saucy look; you seem almost human. Don't say you have fallen in love!"

Mildred gave a start, made an effort to speak, then waited until the tea came. The place was packed with people, and the orchestra had already commenced. She glanced at her brother with disapproval; why did he seem so hideous at the instant? She knew his record, his gay life, his reckless expenditure. It was time to be firm. This afternoon she would talk to him plainly.

"Tony, you and I must come to an understanding," she began, pouring out the tea. "The financial position has changed, and you must find a job."

"What do you infer?" he blazed out, lowering his voice, yet speaking with concentrated anger. "Do you mean you have brought no cash, that you have not negotiated a cheque?"

Mildred helped herself to a French scone and added sugar to her China tea. She never referred to her adventure; that was something her brother should never know.

"It means your Mayfair career has come to an end," she announced, and her voice was different. "I have coddled you since mother died, being my kid brother, but you have never played the game Tony, and now the racket must stop. I have no further money. What are you going to do about it?"

"But the overdraft—" he spluttered, half-dazed with the shock. "The bank will not advance another farthing," she replied, "and I have to find work as a mannequin, or even take up film work. Anything to keep floating. Even my flat must go. I will have to get cheap rooms, and you will have to clear out of Mayfair. The bank manager is adamant; I can find no further security!"

"But this is ridiculous!" Tony protested, half-rising to his feet. "I owe £200—money that must be found in 24 hours—and I was depending on you to the last trench."

"I have reached it!" his sister answered. "You have spent every penny, Tony, and your speculations have been ruinous. Gambling is in your blood, but your luck has deserted you, and there is nothing ahead but prison. I advise you to pull up in time."

"Your mean you can't get hold of £50?"

"Not five!"

"Good lord! Then I must find a job!"

"Yes, it's an idea, and when you do get one, Tony, wipe those men off your list. They have led you

to perdition, and those night clubs have been the ruin of us both. Mayfair has dragged us to the depths, and I don't intend to sink."

Tony turned white to the lips; he wished he could have ordered a brandy.

"I must see Saunderson," he said thickly. "He talked yesterday about clearing out to Capetown, and there is a chance I could go with him. Do you mind?"

"I only wish I could go with you!"

"Why don't you marry?" he blazed again.

"That's another idea," Mildred replied, "but judging from the Mayfair specimens you have presented my wedding will have to wait. Take that African appointment, Tony; take anything for the present; but get out of the Mayfair district!"

He nodded. Since their parents died Mildred had mothered him, but he had sponged on her shamefully, and now she would have to leave that flat at Cambrian-terrace. He would have to pull himself together, and accept that offer in Capetown. That would be a good excuse to leave London: to forget those cursed debts.

"Look here, Mildred, I'm damned sorry about everything," he spluttered. "I have been going the pace—we have both been stepping out—but I have been worse than you, and it's all my fault about the gambling. I haven't found a winner for weeks, and the bills have been mounting up. I'll see Saunderson this evening, and go out with him by the next boat. I will repay you somehow—in some fashion—but I won't let you down!"

They gripped hands, and Mildred knew he meant it. Perhaps it was a case of self-preservation. At any rate, Tony was speaking like his real self. Capetown might prove his salvation, and Saunderson was a steady sort. A mining speculator, but he had brains and resource. She could trust her brother with him.

Later, when rising to leave she gave an involuntary start, and almost stumbled in a kind of panic. Two men had entered, and the voice of one smote her ears.

Perhaps she was dreaming, but it seemed the same voice, the voice of the man with the green mask. That was absurd, yet she stared at the speaker with an intent gaze. Only for an instant, then passed onward, and hardly knew how she reached the door. She would remember that face again, those grave blue eyes. Could it have been the person she imagined, her midnight marauder, the man who kissed her so fiercely. She had no means of telling; but his height was the same, and surely there could not be two voices like that? She was aware he met her gaze, that he had given a sudden smile, but was it one of recognition, or just the glance a man gives a good-looking girl? If he watched her to the door she did not know about it. She never glanced back, and when Tony left her on the pavement she returned with all speed to her flat.

She had to pack, to make arrangements to leave, but her mind seemed a blank, and at the end of half an hour she was smoking cigarettes.

An hour later the telephone rang, and she was surprised at the message. It was an invitation from Mrs. Brookland, of 4, Cadogan Mansions, to attend a reception that evening. She had only met the lady twice, and Mrs. Brookland seemed a different type—quite different from the others. Apparently she remembered her, and wished to see her again. Her voice was friendly, and, acting on impulse, Mildred promised to attend. Besides, Mrs. Brookland would not invite the usual gang; it would be a select affair, for she was notably exclusive, also exceedingly wealthy, and it was lucky to receive an invitation from her personally.

She dressed quietly and made no effort to appear glamorous. When her taxi drove up to 4, Cadogan Mansions she had a strange intuition that something would happen. She could not define it, but it occurred an hour later, during the middle of the reception, and she felt herself, from that moment in the hands of Fate. The man to whom she was introduced—Ricard Carleton—was no other than the individual she had met at Crichton's Cafe, the man who smiled at her, the man who possessed the duplicate voice to the one owned by her midnight visitor. He passed off the introduction formally, almost with indifference, yet, fifteen minutes afterwards, he sought her out, and she found herself dancing with him. Now she was certain the miracle had occurred, that, by some strange stroke of destiny, she had met the one man who could matter, irrespective of his midnight profession or anything else. She decided to challenge him, or to test her suspicion, and when he led her to an alcove, ostensibly for a smoke, she gazed into his eyes.

"Where have I met you?" she asked, looking at him through a smoke cloud, and wondering why his voice thrilled so strangely. Surely she could not be mistaken, surely this must be the man with the green mask?

He gave a shrug, then his lips relaxed, and he glanced out at the swaying dancers.

"If my memory does not deceive me," he answered, "you had tea this afternoon at Crichton's Cafe."

She saw he was teasing her, and she made a movement of protest.

"Do not joke, please!" she begged. "Of course, we met at Crichton's Cafe, but it was then I was positive you were not a stranger. If I am wrong you must have a double; but it was not your features; your voice makes all the difference!"

"How?" he enquired gently.

"I would remember it anywhere—even after the lapse of years!" she continued. "It has a peculiar inflexion; a Southern note that strikes forcibly, and I have heard it before!"

"When?" he enquired, with exasperating coolness, never removing his gaze. He wanted to tell her how entrancing she looked; that she, too, had caught him in a spell.

Mildred wondered if she would take the plunge? Could she have the courage to tell him everything, or should she dissemble?

"Listen, please," she announced, "you may think me mad—perhaps overstrung—but I am going to tell you something I have mentioned to no one—not even to my brother—and that was the individual you saw me with this afternoon. I dare not tell him because he would want to notify the police. I can trust you implicitly?"

"Beyond the shadow of doubt!" he said, lighting a cigarette, and watching the crimson mount to that lovely forehead. He had never seen a more graceful figure, a more desirable creature, and he seemed to understand her better than she did herself. "If you had an adventure of some kind, what had the police to do with it, and why should they be notified?"

"That is the point," she affirmed, speaking more coherently. "I ought to notify the Yard, or Vine-street Station, or a police-sergeant. You see, Mr. Carleton, it happened last night—in my bedroom—and it was the most sensational thing in my life. A burglar entered my flat!"

"Indeed!" He never moved—not an eyelid. Indeed his sang froid maddened her.

"Yes, a cat-burglar," she proceeded. "He must have climbed my balustrade, and about three in the morning he made his appearance in my room. I heard a movement, and when I opened my eyes I saw a man wearing a green mask!"

"How interesting!" Carleton (Continued on Page 3)



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The Man In The Green Mask

drawled. "Why did you not summon help? You don't mean he pinched anything?"

"Yes, he took my diamond bracelet!"

"Heavens! Did you let him get away with it?"

"Yes, I had no option. He might have strangled me!"

"The brute! Well, proceed. What developed; why have you kept quiet about the incident? Why, it would have made a front headline for the papers!"

"There was no one in the house but a caretaker, and he is more than slightly deaf. He sleeps at the top of the building, and I don't think he would have heard. But that is not the exciting part. The real mystery is that the burglar knew my name, and he only wanted that bracelet—nothing else!"

"Good lord! What a funny chap! Were you not frightened?"

"No, I was thrilled. You see, it was my first adventure. Mr. Carleton, and the man attracted me a good deal. I felt sorry for him. He did not seem the ordinary type; indeed, he was a gentleman, and he could not have been more polite. He had hunted everywhere for that bracelet, then, when he saw he had woke me up, he just told me what he wanted, and I gave it to him—the bracelet, I mean."

"Were you wearing it?"

"Yes, how did you guess?"

"Just a hunch of mine. But I am still in the dark, Miss Harrington. Why have you not notified the police? There must have been finger-prints; any number of clues, and that chap may easily be caught!"

"Oh, but I don't wish him caught. I still feel tremendously sorry for him. I asked for an explanation. I wanted to know why he took up that profession, but he did not answer my question. Now, since I met you this afternoon, I have been in a quandry. You see, Mr. Carleton; I don't think the voice of that cat-burglar has a duplicate, and I am wondering if you could have been the

man in the green mask. You have his voice. You seem the same person—your manner—everything—but, of course, it is absurd, isn't it, and I am really quite mad!"

Carleton shrugged. He still appeared to regard it as a joke.

"You are pulling my leg, aren't you?" he queried. "This adventure never happened, did it? If it did, and you think I possess the same voice as your burglar, well—you are hardly paying me a compliment, are you?"

"No, of course not. I humbly apologise!"

"There is no need to be sorry about it," he continued. "I am just intrigued over one part. You say the chap came for that diamond bracelet, that he wanted nothing else? Are you certain on that point?"

Mildreth flushed. She was trembling; it seemed beyond her strength to continue.

"Quite certain," she affirmed. "I offered him money; he declined with thanks. He just wanted that bracelet—and he went away when he got it. I think it was worth £300. It was a gift from my mother."

Carleton shook his head. He did not seem impressed.

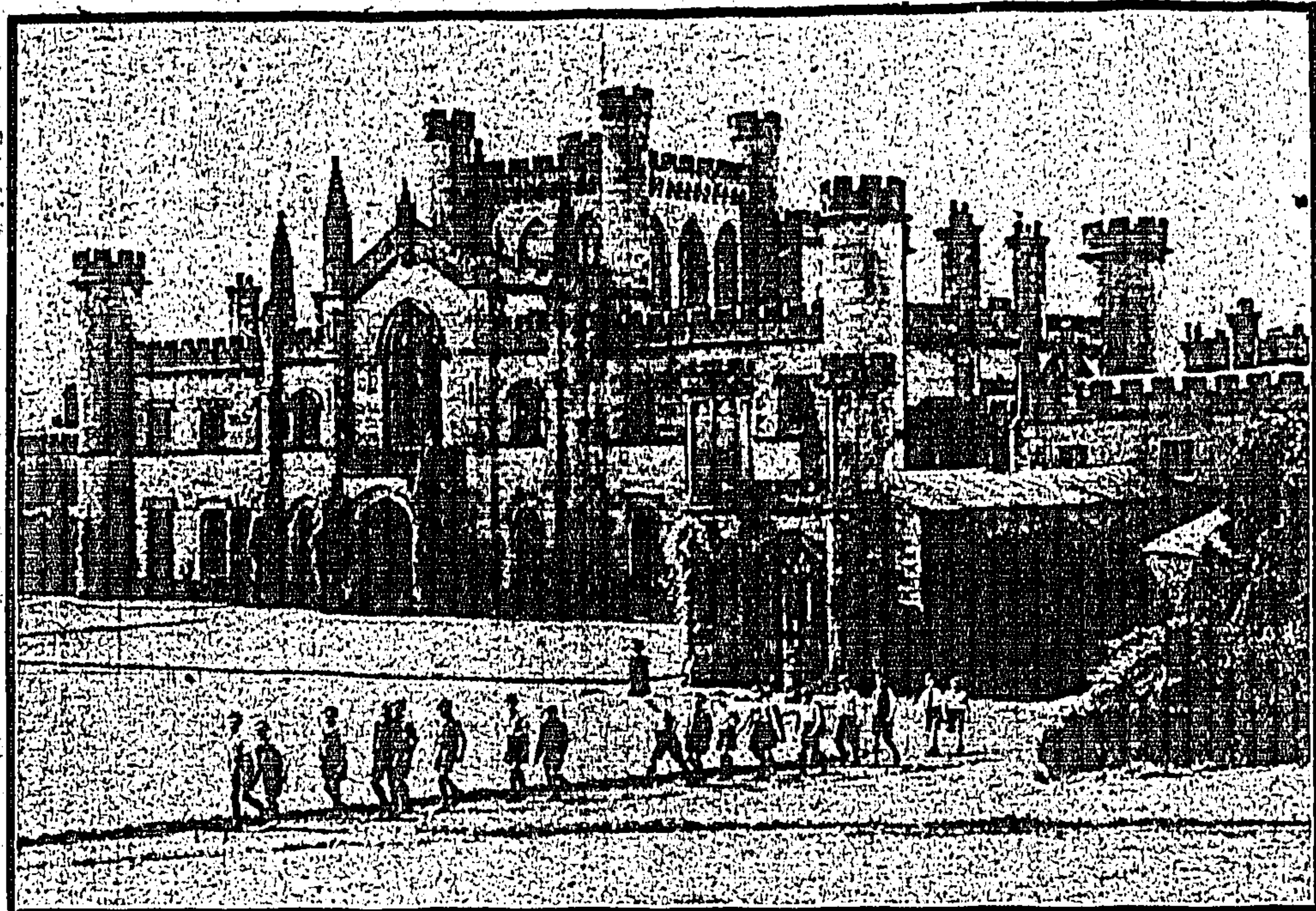
"There you drift to phantasy," he corrected. "The chap could not have missed such an opportunity. I am inclined to wager he kissed you. Indeed, if you will forgive me, I am certain you permitted him to kiss you, that you made not the slightest protest, that you lay in his arms for two or three divine moments!"

She sprang to her feet, then slipped back on her seat.

"Then it was you!" she exclaimed. "I was right, after all, in my intuition. You are the man in the green mask!"

Carleton nodded. He leaned forward, and his voice dropped a half-tone.

"There is no need to make a scene about it," he drawled, "but you are under a misapprehension. I am not a burglar, Miss Harrington. I merely paid that visit to rescue some stolen property. You see, I know where that diamond



A picturesque view as East Coast evacuee children walk in the spacious grounds of Lowther Castle, where they are billeted. Lowther Castle at Penrith, Cumberland, was, until recently, the home of Lord Londale. (Copyright, Fox.)

bracelet was obtained. You took it last night when a guest at 4, Albion-square, Mayfair, and it belonged to Miss Adele Vicary, the young American heiress. You were suspected by your hostess, Mrs. Darlington, and I was instructed to act in the matter."

Mildreth gave a gasp. She felt sick with horror. At any instant she might be arrested.

"Then you are a detective?"

Again Carleton shook his head. He sat with arms folded, his eyes full of compassion, that wonderful voice firm.

"That is not correct," he continued. "I was a private detective in the old days—before I went to Africa—and when I made good out in the mines I saw no reason to copy the methods of Scotland Yard. I have been back in London a month, and since that date Mrs. Darlington has been putting me wise about Mayfair Society. Several articles have been missing; they have been annexed by the guests and there has been no prosecution. Mayfair hostesses have dreaded scandal. The articles have been taken by Mayfair guests, and there is always a definite reason.

Money shortage; gambling debts; to keep young wasters from doing honest work—but I did not calculate that you would be concerned. I was given your address; and I got to work. It was a method of my own, and the diamond bracelet has been returned. At my request, there will be no publicity, but I want an explanation. Why the hell did you pinch that bracelet?"

Mildreth shivered. The tears would not come, but she sat there with a white face, and the man saw the Gethsemane through which she was passing. He waited patiently. Then she told him her story. The sudden temptation to get money for her brother; her moment of weakness when she saw the bracelet lying on the table, with its owner temporarily absent at the telephone. She knew other Mayfair guests were at the same racket; that articles were being annexed, that there was no publicity, no prosecution, that the whole business was simple—and she succumbed. That bracelet passed into her possession, and, under the plea of a headache she had excused herself from the reception had slipped

away in the first taxi she could find, back to the security of her flat. She would procure the cash for that bracelet the following day; her brother would be relieved of financial pressure, and no one would be the wiser for her escapade.

"Now you hate me as the vilest thing in London," she concluded tearfully. "You gave a wonderful performance, Mr. Carleton, but you spoilt everything at the end—you should never have made the blunder of kissing me!"

He rose to his feet, then took her slowly in his arms.

"Listen, Mildreth," he said gently, "I have been checking up on you, on your brother and everything else, and you will find he will get that African trip. I have spoken a word for him. You see, he knew Mrs. Darlington, and it was my suggestion that resulted in you getting this invitation. We have been arranging things between us—and now I must return that kiss I took so shamefully!"

She lay passive in his arms, but at that instant she knew she had fallen, fallen completely for the man in the green mask!

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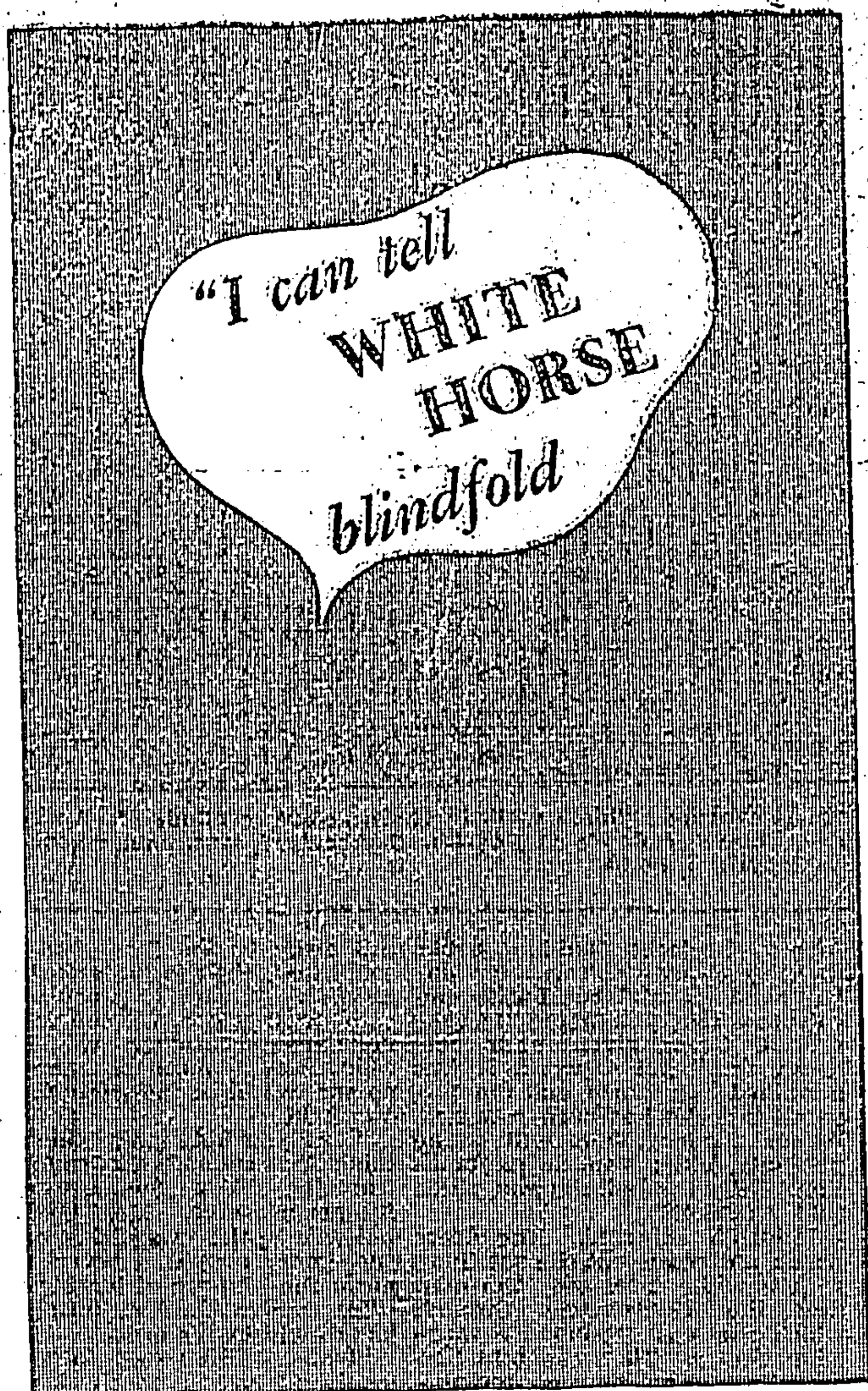
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What I Saw Of The Effects Of Bombing

FROM reports and photographs those in distant parts of the world may tend to visualise London partly in ruins or at least showing terrible signs of damage. For a building destroyed is news. A building left standing is not. Naturally it is pictures of what is damaged, not what is intact, that are given circulation.

This week I visited London, which, for reasons unconnected with the war, I had not seen since the heavy raids began. Travelling up by a slow train on a bright clear morning, I confess I expected to see many traces of raiders as one looked over wide stretches of roofs down innumerable streets.

All I saw on a journey via the suburbs were some broken windows in a typical small poor street and two or three houses which had collapsed under the blast of a bomb which had fallen some yards from them.

In the heart of Clubland not even a broken window could be seen in the few streets through which I walked. Except for the familiar precautionary measures everything was normal. Though a raid warning had sounded people were going about their business and one noticed that car parks were filled to over-flowing.

Of course serious damage had been done in places, but they have to be looked for. By day at least the visitor is in fact mainly impressed by the normality of London and by the very high percentage of its area which stands intact and in fact showing no trace of the nightly raids.

It would indeed be very wrong to minimise the seriousness or indeed, for many families, the personal tragedy of the attack on London. When you come across it the damage may, in itself be terribly dramatic. A couple of big Regency houses were clipped out clean from the great and beautiful terrace. Half a dozen shops were knocked into ruins and glass was spilled over a wide circle by a bomb. A crater in a famous street was large enough to hide a small house in—for those who love London these are not pretty sights.

Nor frankly is it any fun at all to "go to the ground" in a shelter at dusk, to sleep in the racket in danger until light brings security again. Fear is not a pleasurable emotion and many have learned what it is for the first time.

Here the humour, realism and, of course, the indomitable courage of the English, be they men or women, young or old, are completely meeting the situation.

As for material damage it must be measured and given its due importance by the fact that London is carrying on as the capital and the political, administrative, industrial, commercial and intellectual headquarters of Britain.

Its activities flow forward. Its Ministries assemble. Its commit-

tees execute. Its business is transacted. Its work is done. Its millions are fed, transported and protected. Its roads and railways are open and, except when darkness offers raiders easy hiding, its skies are its own too.

Moreover, damage once done is not damage for all time. A railway viaduct may be hit in the small hours. By nightfall trains may be passing over once again.

There is a further fact about these raids on London which is fundamental and has not received the attention which its importance deserves.

Night raids, other things being equal, are clearly very poor substitutes for the day, when targets and damage can both be seen.

By Major-General Sir Chas Gwynn

But for all practical purposes there are no day-raids on London. Why? Because day-raids have been tried and have failed. They have been defeated, indeed crippled, by the incomparable Royal Air Force.

This perhaps is the outstanding feature of the war in its present phase and may well also be the decisive development of the whole war.

Turn to the enemy's side of the picture. Here we find evidence of the increasing offensive power of the Royal Air Force.

The R.A.F.'s attacks on what are known as "invasion ports" continue with increasing intensity. Apart from their preventive value they must cause much loss of life and morale in the enemy's ranks. For ports must at all times be scenes of activity with working parties and permanent detachments in charge of shipping or in readiness to deal with fires.

The moral effect of suspense on troops awaiting zero day over an ever-lengthening period even if casualties are not heavy must be considerable.

Raids on Berlin and other centres have not been relaxed in spite of the concentration on invasion ports.

On the Egyptian frontier the Italian advance has halted for a time. There are still many miles of desert to cross before it comes in collision with General Wilson's main army. The Navy, R.A.F. and General Wilson's light forces are meanwhile harassing Graziani's attempts to establish depots along his route.

German aircraft are reported to have joined the Italians but so long as the attack on Britain proceeds and invasion preparations are maintained their numbers are likely to be limited. Their special

purpose at present may be to acquire a knowledge of desert flying and to recognise the targets on its face.

Italian naval action and the movement of merchant shipping continue to be marked by extreme caution.

General de Gaulle's attempt to enlist support in French West Africa has unfortunately failed and it has resulted in another regrettable clash with the Vichy Government's forces which opened fire on British ships. General de Gaulle was determined to avoid fighting Frenchmen and when it was clear he would meet with resistance the abandonment of his attempt was inevitable.

Britain's essential interest is, of course, to prevent Dakar falling under German control. But although German agents have apparently been active at Dakar, the Vichy Government insists that it will not be used as a German base. If it were used as a base for U-boats, surface vessels and aircraft, it would constitute a serious menace to British sea communications with and round the Cape.

The action of British ships in replying to the fire from Dakar was, however, in no sense an attempt to capture the port. The incident is regrettable but it does not materially alter the situation, which remains unsatisfactory but not necessarily menacing.



There are in Britain now many representatives from all over her Empire, all of whom are anxious to do their utmost to hasten the ultimate victory. Amongst these, the New Zealanders are by no means the minority and a contingent of them are at present in training in the Aldershot Command. Photo shows a row of smiling faces at the tent door; an accurate indication of the spirit of these men who are now prepared to fight for the Empire they have helped to build. (Copyright, Fox.)

The Way Of A Bomb

Setting out a reasoned code of behaviour for the guidance of the civilian population in an air raid and breathing the spirit of confidence in the Empire's ability to win the war, a four-page pamphlet entitled "You Can be Safe in an Air Raid" tells the reader what to expect and what to do in the variety of situations he might be in when an air raid takes place.

The pamphlet opens with a short description of an air raid and the ways of a bomb, and describes in detail what the public should do when either in a building or in the open during a raid. Stress is laid on the necessity for rehearsing the elementary procedure given in the pamphlet.

When a bomb is released from an aeroplane, it does not drop vertically, but follows a curved path before striking the object or earth, states the pamphlet.

For example, a plane travelling at 300 miles per hour at a height of 25,000 feet above the ground would, in order to ensure reaching a particular objective, have to release its bombs 42 seconds or 17,200 feet before it reaches its objective; that is, if a bomb is not already making for you, which you will easily be able to recognise, as bombs fall with a terrible screech, you will be safe from bombs when an enemy aeroplane is directly overhead.

When a high explosive bomb falls, it penetrates to a depth depending upon the nature of the substance struck and on the nature of the bomb itself. Then it explodes, breaking into thousands of fragments or splinters, the bulk of which fly out laterally and slightly upwards, i.e., the main danger does not come from overhead, but from the sides. This is a most important thing to remember. At the same time an explosive force or blast is created in the surrounding air. This consists of a pressure which exerts a maximum force away from the bomb, pushing and cracking the walls, windows, doors, etc.

As the pressure lasts for only 1/600th part of a second, its main effects consist in cracking those objects with which it comes in contact. The pressure wave is followed by a partial vacuum which lasts for a considerably

longer time. This vacuum pulls down the already shattered walls, windows, doors, etc., outward into the street below, whereupon the building, if it is of the "weight-bearing" or "frameless" type, collapses upon itself as the walls no longer support the floor joists.

If the building is of the framed type, i.e., one consisting of a concrete or steel framework with reinforced concrete floors filled in with not too substantial panels of brickwork, which will give without transmitting severe blast pressure to the framework, the blast attacks the walls, windows, doors, etc., just the same, but as the walls are not supporting the building the columns and floor remain intact even if the walls are blown out by the blast. Hence the preference for framed structure buildings when taking refuge in a building or shelter during an air raid.

Since the effect of high explosive is lateral and slightly upwards, side protection is the most important and for this purpose at least 13½ inches of brickwork or its equivalent is necessary to protect you from splinters and blast from a 500-lb. bomb bursting 50 feet away; the thicker the better.

While it is not economical to build a structure to give protection from a direct hit, it is necessary to build overhead protection to give protection from splinters and the detritus of battle.

The splinters from a 500-lb. bomb bursting 50 feet away require 6 inches of concrete or 13½ inches of brickwork or 1½ inches of steel plate to stop them. Therefore it is safer in a building, especially a well constructed one, than in the open, for the main walls of the average building will stop the splinters.

The danger from a direct hit is small, but the chance that a bomb will explode near you is many times greater, and since the effect of high explosive is lateral, and slightly upwards, the greatest danger is at ground level where there is the danger from blast, splinters and the debris from falling buildings; whilst the least danger is underground in a properly constructed refuge room, strong enough to withstand the effects of the buildings falling upon it and the underground earthquake shock.

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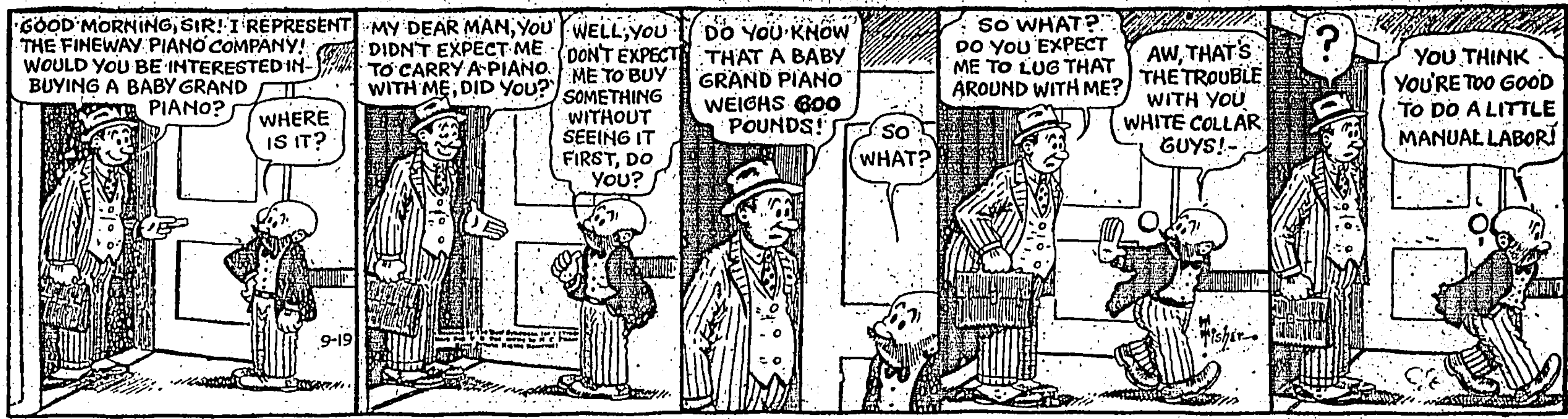
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A PAGE FOR WOMEN On Giving Parties

Happily the informal party is superseding the elaborate affair of our grandparents' time.

Which is as it should be, seeing that social customs are imposed or relaxed to fit the needs of the age in which we live. And rapid movement is certainly the hallmark of life to-day. Which means that we have neither time nor inclination for too much formality.

Modes of dress must naturally conform to these social changes. So don't wear an elaborate evening dress except on very special occasions. Choose a simple gown for dinner or afternoon parties. If the invitation specially indicates "Not evening dress," wear a smart afternoon frock or plain semi-evening dress with sleeves.

Men can wear dinner jackets, black waistcoat and tie at informal parties. And this question of tie seems to bother a lot of them. Is it to be "black or white?" The best guide is to stick to the dinner jacket and black tie, unless the invitation says "Evening dress," when the more formal tail-coat requires the white waistcoat and tie.

Garden parties are preferred to house parties.

At these informal gatherings tennis is usually provided, and those guests who play the game will attend dressed ready for the occasion. Naturally, they will come equipped with rackets and balls.

Non-players wear their smartest frocks and shady hats, and the men lounge suits or flannels.

Indoors Or Out

The hostess with weather sense will make preparations to serve tea either indoors or in the garden. If the day should turn cool or showery, small tables can be placed in a large room facing the garden (which has first been cleared of all unnecessary furniture). Ices should be served to the tennis players during breaks in the game. Fruit cups and iced drinks are also welcomed. Fruit salad and ice-cream are other well appreciated extras.

On arrival guests should be shown direct to the garden. There they should be received by host and hostess.

Invitations to garden parties should be so worded that they include any visitors staying with friends. If children are included in the invitation, remember to provide special games for them. A swing, rounders or clock-golf will keep them busy and out of the way of the grown-ups. At refreshment time they must have tables to themselves and special treats that appeal to them.

Large garden parties call for even less formality in the way of invitations. Even slight acquaintances may be invited. Other forms of entertainment besides tennis should be devised. A band or small orchestra will be welcomed and dancing encouraged. Refreshments can be served in a marquee erected at the end of the garden (which must naturally be a large one for such parties).

Arrangements for this type of party are best carried out by a reliable catering firm.

Guests who prefer tennis to dancing will come in tennis clothes. Dancers, and those who just prefer to look on, wear light-coloured afternoon frocks, and the younger members of the party light dresses.

Care Of Details

Take care of details like placing ash-trays at convenient spots where groups of people collect for a smoke and chat. Provide

matches or lighters, too. See that the bathrooms are in good order and that there is plenty of cold water on tap, and invite the guests to a wash and brush up immediately they arrive if you live at an out-station.

A word about invitations for all occasions. A fortnight's notice is usually given for the more formal parties—dinner, "At Homes," dances. Give a week's notice for

luncheon parties, informal tea parties. Ten days should be allowed for cocktail parties, and a fortnight at least for bridge or other card parties. The longer the notice you give in this latter case, the less likely you are to have "odd" numbers when you have to man your tables for the game. And you know how awkward it is to provide partners at the last moment.

Simple Diet For Health

Our modern conception of beauty is more than fifty per cent. good health. The languishing lily type no longer evokes any admiration. If good health is present, many of the things that make for beauty are added unto you. For instance, bright eyes with clear blue white; clear skin with that lovely underlying glow; glossy hair, and strong growing finger nails, firm healthy gums.

Where shall we begin on this catalogue of health blessings. I think with the teeth, for so much depends upon them. The inside of the mouth is moist and dark, and so unless you are careful, provides a happy hunting ground for germs. Nature does a lot in washing away germs with the quart of saliva which a normal person manufactures every day, but it is up to the individual to keep teeth scrupulously clean.

If you cannot manage to brush them three times a day, which is the ideal, at least do it night and morning at the same time using some dental floss to keep the spaces between the teeth free from any food debris. This is as important as the tooth brush, and will considerably decrease the amount of tartar that accumulates.

A six-monthly visit to the dentist saves a lot of trouble and possible pain. Eat plenty of the foods containing the minerals and vitamins required for strong, healthy teeth, and at the same time benefit your nails and your hair.

It is a simple list and includes dairy produce, vegetables, eggs and fresh fruit.

Before we leave the mouth, may I touch on a subject that is usually approached with some diffidence; bad breath. That is something that should never happen so see that it doesn't happen to you. If it does, you need not necessarily conclude that your liver is out of sorts. Teeth, tonsils, catarrh, are just as likely to be responsible as your other internal arrangements. It sometimes can be traced to excessive smoking, though maybe the present price of cigarettes will prevent you from erring in that respect.

If you should find your tummy is responsible, take to a lighter diet for a while. Lighten the proteins, removing meat and other heavy dishes for a week or so and rely on a diet of fruit, vegetables and milk.

If you suffer from constipation, supplement whatever aperient you take by a suitable diet.

Fresh fruit, dried fruit, well-cooked green vegetables, salad, whole-meal bread and country rice should form a large part of the diet, with a limited amount of fat. Water should be taken freely between meals.

Here is a sample day's menu—

On rising: Glass of hot or cold water.

Breakfast: Grapefruit, orange or fresh fruit in season, or stewed fruit. Cereal with milk. Whole-meal bread with butter, honey or marmalade. Coffee with milk or cream.

11 a.m.: Fruit juice.
Lunch: Tomato and green salad with dressing, or egg or fish mayonnaise. Fresh or cooked fruit with cream. Wholemeal bread with butter.

4 p.m.: Cup of tea with wholemeal bread and butter, or digestive biscuits.

Dinner: Vegetable soup. Lean meat—Potato and two green vegetables, or a salad. Junket, fruit jelly, or fresh fruit in season, or dried fruit.

Bedtime: Glass of hot water.
If it is more convenient to have a midday dinner, serve the lunch menu for supper.

Of course a sluggish liver and perfect health and beauty never did go together, nor yet a perfect temper, for there is none so snappy as your bilious subject.

Here again sensible diet can do a great deal to improve the condition. All foods which are indigestible must be avoided as well as those which are "liverish." Meat, eggs and fat should be severely limited, and easily digested foods and fruit juice increased.

Grapefruit and cereal, with wholemeal bread and butter, honey or jaggery are good for breakfast. Tea should be weak. Tomato juice is generally well tolerated.

Steamed fish should be chosen for lunch with lean ham as a change. Mashed potato and sieved vegetables should be served. As a second course milk pudding, junket or a purée of stewed fruit.

The last meal should be something simple such as vegetable soup, macaroni and tomatoes, or a vegetable with white sauce. Baked apples, or sieved stewed pears or peaches are also permissible.

No Stockings

Going stockingless is an excellent wartime economy. But the problem for many women is: How to keep one's belt or corset from riding up.

Make a pair of big garters out of elastic at least 1½ inches wide—if narrower it will be uncomfortable. Make the garter wide enough—it should come just where the tops of the stockings usually stop—and it will stay put without being tight.

Finally, sew on each garter a tab of doubled tape on which to affix your suspenders.

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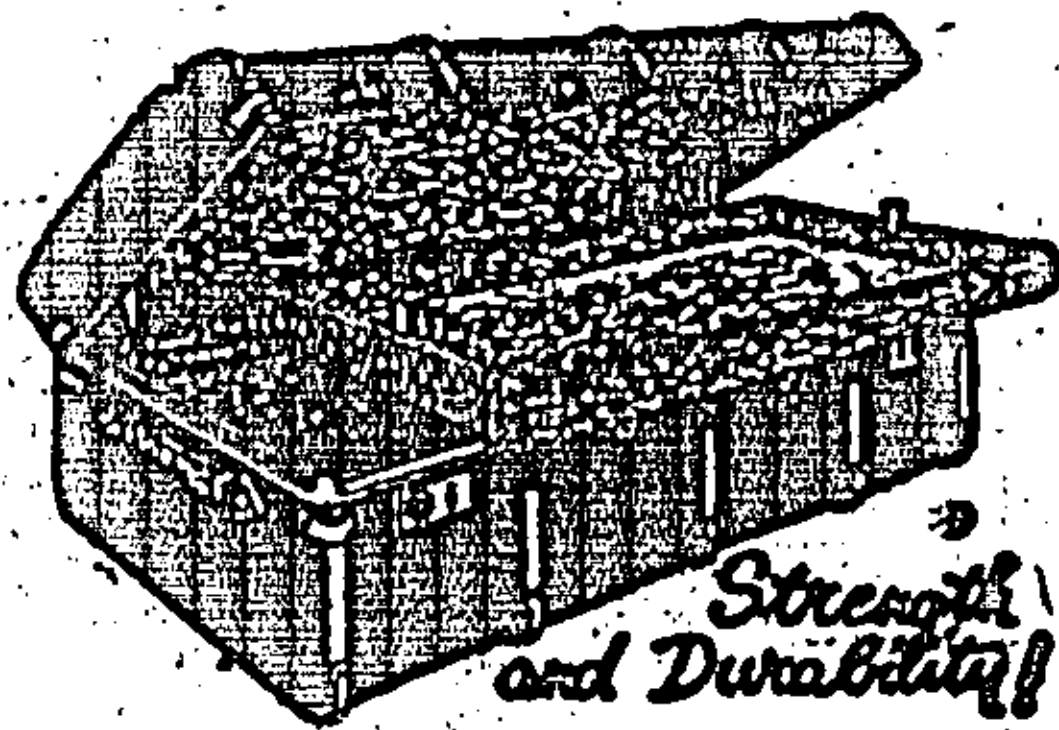
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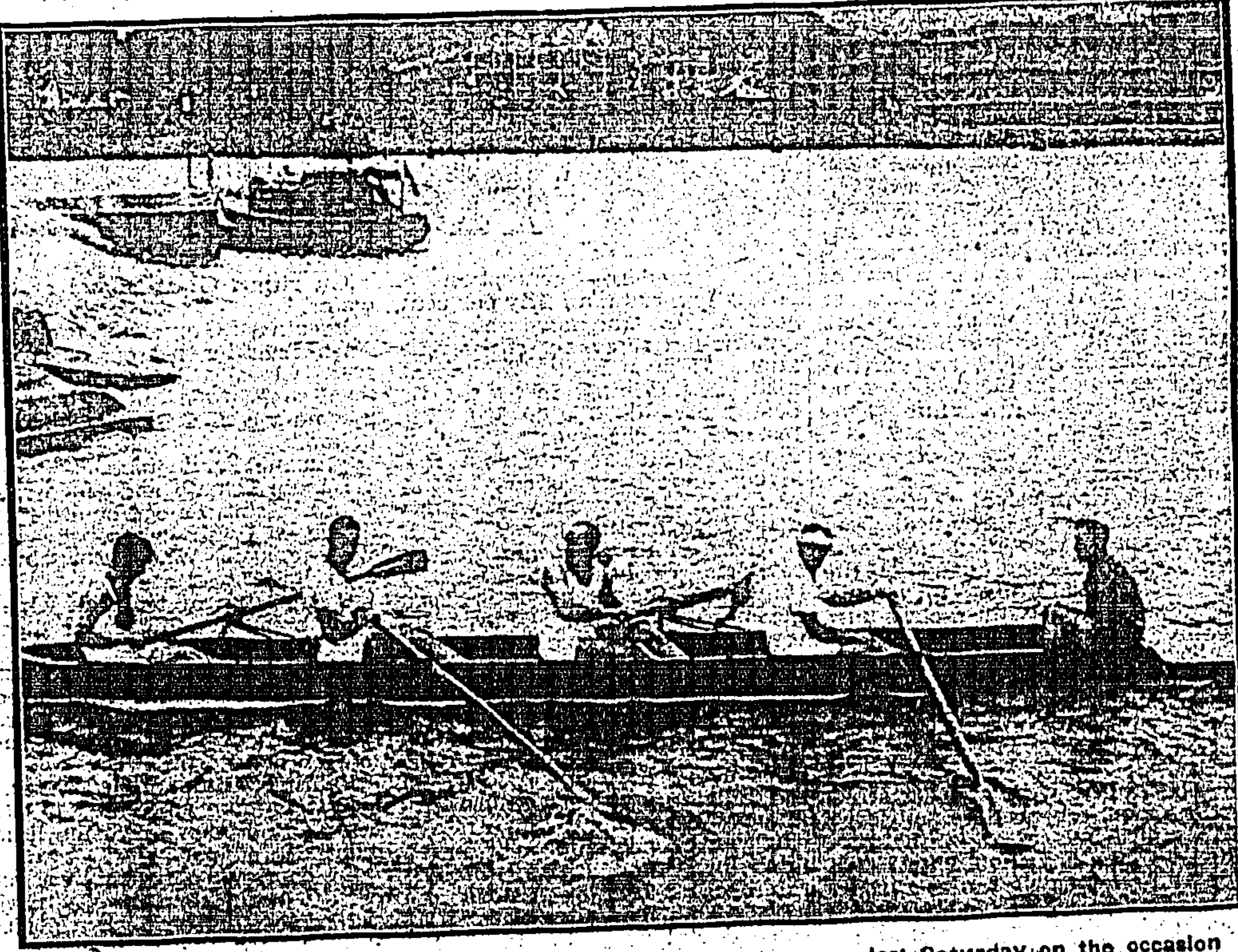


An incident in the needle match between South China and Sing Tao last Sunday. Cheung Wing-choi is saving from Lee Wai-tong while Li Ting-sang attempted vainly to intervene.

(Left)—The new Governor of Macao, Commander G. M. Teixeira, photographed on board the sloop "Goncalvo Velho" with Captain J. J. da Silva e Costa. Winsomely peeping from behind His Excellency is his younger daughter. (King's Studio).



The girl guides of Holy Spirit School taking part in the open air procession at the Roman Catholic Cathedral on Sunday.



One of the scratch fours which took part in impromptu races last Saturday on the occasion of the formal opening of the new clubhouse of the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club on Kellott Island. Picture shows crew "D" composed of G. L. Eastgate, B. de Haan, K. B. Nelson and E. Van Rijnberk. They were second, beaten by G. J. McCormick's crew.

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The high altar erected in front of the Roman Catholic Cathedral for Sunday's special ceremonies.

EVACUATION OF BERLINERS SPEEDED

THE EVACUATION of Berlin has begun. Thousands of civilians — including wives of several of the Nazi leaders — have already fled from the R.A.F. raids.

Many of them have gone to Paris. Others have gone to lonely villages in East Prussia, where they feel that they will be equally immune.

Well over 75,000 Berliners have already reached the French capital, and a further 50,000 have gone to Prague. Thousands more have taken flats and houses in Vienna.

So far this evacuation of civilians is unofficial. The people who are clearing out of Berlin are the wealthy classes, who can afford to undertake long journeys, and who can afford to maintain a second home in a safe area.

Parisians are angry, but powerless to protest at the influx of this big army of refugees.

There are only limited quantities of food available in the city, and the claims of the Berliners come first.

Most of them have plenty of money to spend, and by the time they have made their purchases for their families and servants, many of the shops are so denuded that there is little left for the native inhabitants.

An official evacuation has also begun — ordered by Marshal Goering.

It affects the many aircraft and other armament factories situated in the Berlin area. Some of the Berlin aerodromes and aircraft works have duplicate hangars and plants underground. They are not being moved for the moment.

"Pack Up Quickly"

But the others have been told to pack up as quickly as possible and re-open in commandeered factories in France, Czechoslovakia, Silesia and Austria.

A large part of Berlin's transport system has been requisitioned to remove the plant by road, for the railways are in too chaotic a state to deal even with the traffic that is already entrusted to them.

The owners of the commandeered factories have been given a fortnight to remove the plant they had been using for the manufacture of textiles and general engineering products.

They have been told not to interfere with their power plants, as these will be needed for driving the new armament machinery that is being transported from Berlin.

STATE TO RUN THE RAILWAYS?

Proposals for State control of the railways in order to counter the danger of rising fares and freight rates, are being considered by the Government, (writes an Industrial Correspondent).

As I announced exclusively last week, the War Cabinet took immediate steps to investigate the situation created by the new demands of the railway companies. Discussions, in which Sir John Reith, Minister of Transport, took part, have been carried out in the light of the whole economic policy of the Government.

Chamberlain Award

The view is general, I understand, that the advantageous terms accorded to the railway shareholders by the Chamberlain Government are calculated to defeat efforts in other spheres to prevent rising prices leading to inflation.

The Government has to face the fact that the companies are entitled to their new claims unless the whole agreement is abrogated. In these circumstances, it is likely that Parliament will be asked to re-examine the situation.

If a policy of national control is decided upon, it is probable that a comprehensive scheme

AIRY NOTHINGS FROM BREMEN

Bremen, in its English broadcast description of one day's air raids, lived up to its well-earned reputation as a producer of colourful fiction. A comparison of "Lord Haw Haw's" fantasy with the facts is instructive and amusing.

"Whereas this morning German bombers encountered slight British fighter forces, which were practically all shot down, bombing raids were carried out against military objectives in the vicinity of London during the course of the afternoon without any fighter defence being encountered."

The Facts: British fighters brought down forty enemy planes during the day.

"Also the activity of the anti-aircraft batteries was slight and the firing poor."

The Facts: British anti-aircraft guns brought down five raiders.

"It is believed that as the result of the large number of enemy planes shot down during the past weeks the British fighter defences have been greatly weakened."

The Facts: British air strength in all branches is greater than when the air offensive began.

NATION'S LARDER

Steps are being taken to provide Britain with a food production corps, states the Ministry of Agriculture. Towns as widely separated as Liverpool, Oxford, and Reigate are organising their own corps as part of the Ministry's "Dig for Victory" campaign, and the idea is being discussed by allotment holders' associations in other parts of the country.

The formation of a corps in every municipal area in Lancashire and Cheshire will be proposed at a joint conference of local authorities next month. It is planned to arrange help for the cultivation of gardens at the homes of absent members of the Forces. Members of the Reigate corps will wear badges when on duty, and their job will be to stimulate the allotments movement among beginners, to give lectures, and make personal visits to private houses with the object of getting more garden space devoted to the growing of vegetables.

In Liverpool a special appeal is being made to women gardeners, who will encourage other Merseyside housewives to dig for victory.

will be brought forward to include railways, road transport, canals and coastal shipping.

Under national control the railways and other transport services would take their place in the general economic policy of the country. Labour and Cooperative M.P.s, however, will also want an assurance that burdens are not transferred to the taxpayer by over-generous compensation terms.

FORD'S "STRONG ARM SQUADS"

The Ford Motor Company has used hired thugs to terrorise its workers to prevent their joining a Trade Union, reveals a report just issued by the National Labour Relations Board in the U.S.A.

The Board has now taken prompt action to put an end to these abuses. This will make easier the task of United Automobile Workers (a C.I.O. Union); who are out to organise Ford's this year.

After investigating conditions in the Ford works at Dallas, Texas, says the B.U.P., the Board reported:

"The company organised a strong arm squad to put the fear of God not only into any Union organiser who might come to Dallas, but also any employee with a sympathetic attitude towards a Union of Ford employees."

Had Whips

"This squad consisted of employees of large stature and unusual muscular development, and who had constituted the company's champion tug-of-war team."

"They were supplied with blackjacks manufactured in the plant, whips, lengths of hose, and similar weapons. They were stationed at different points throughout the city, were given free use of company cars, and were afforded free access to the plant at all hours."

The report cited 25 cases of severe beatings, some administered to employees merely on the suspicion that they favoured the idea of a trade union.

The Board also found that money for paying fines, lawyers' fees, bail, and wire-tapping expenses incurred by the strong-arm squad were extorted from the company's employees.

The system was simple. A bowl was placed near the time-clock, and members of the strong-arm squad stood guard and told workers to "hit the jar and hit it plenty" as they passed out.

The company, says the report, also used "inside squads" of 15 to 24 men to act as informers and sound out union sentiment among the men.

The Board found that the activities of the company at Dallas were carried on with the approval of head office at Dearborn, Michigan.

The National Labour Relations Board ordered the Ford company to:

- (1) End the use of physical violence to discourage any trade union activity among any of its employees at all its plants.
- (2) Stop compelling its employees to contribute cash toward the support of any anti-union campaign.
- (3) Cease its spying activities and cease breaking up meetings or public gatherings of its employees.
- (4) Issue written instructions to its Dallas employees forbidding them to make, store, or carry into the works weapons designed to discourage workers from joining the United Automobile Workers' Union or any other labour organisation.
- (5) Post notices at all its plants in the United States for a period of at least 60 days that it will cease these unfair labour practices.
- (6) Reinstatement an employee who was dismissed for union sympathies.

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SUIT PREFERENCE SIGNAL

By The Four Aces

"We have heard vaguely," writes Mrs. N. A. C., of St. Louis, Missouri, "of a signal to cover cases like this, but we've never understood it properly. Anyway, here's what happened;

South, Dealer
Neither side vulnerable
♠ A 10 3 2
♥ K 7 5
♦ K J 10 4
♣ Q 6
♠ 8 6 4
♥ Q 9 8 3 2
♦ J 10 9 7
♣ A 10 8 6
♥ 4 3
♦ A 6
♣ 8 4 3 2
♠ K J 9 7 5
♥ Q J 9
♦ 7 5
♣ A K 5

The bidding:

South West North East
1♠ Pass 3♠ Pass
4♠ Pass 5♠ Pass

"West opened the deuce of hearts, and East took the Ace and returned another one for West to ruff. West then had to guess how to give East the lead once again, and chose the Jack of clubs."

"That gave South the lead, and he drew trumps as fast as he could. Later on, he guessed the diamond finesse and made his contract."

"Now what we want to know is this: How could West have known which suit would give her partner the lead?"

There is a special signal for cases like this. East should return the ten of hearts.

Now, West knows that her partner has hearts lower than the ten—why was the ten chosen? To indicate that the entry is in the high rather than the low suit.

For, in such situations, a trump lead is out of the question, and only two suits need be considered. Returning a low card indicates a side entry in the low-ranking suit; returning a high card shows an entry in the high-ranking suit.

Yesterday you were Howard Schenken's partner and, non-vulnerable against vulnerable opponents, you held:

♠ K 6 3
♥ K Q 8 5
♦ K J 9 7 6
♣ 4

The bidding:

Schenken Jacoby You Malor
1♥ Dbl. (?)



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Question No. 553.

To-day you are Oswald Jacoby's partner and, non-vulnerable against vulnerable opponents, you hold:

♠ 7 4
♥ Q J 9 7 3
♦ 9 8 6 3 2
♣ 5

The bidding:
Jacoby Malor You Schenken
1♥ Dbl. (?)

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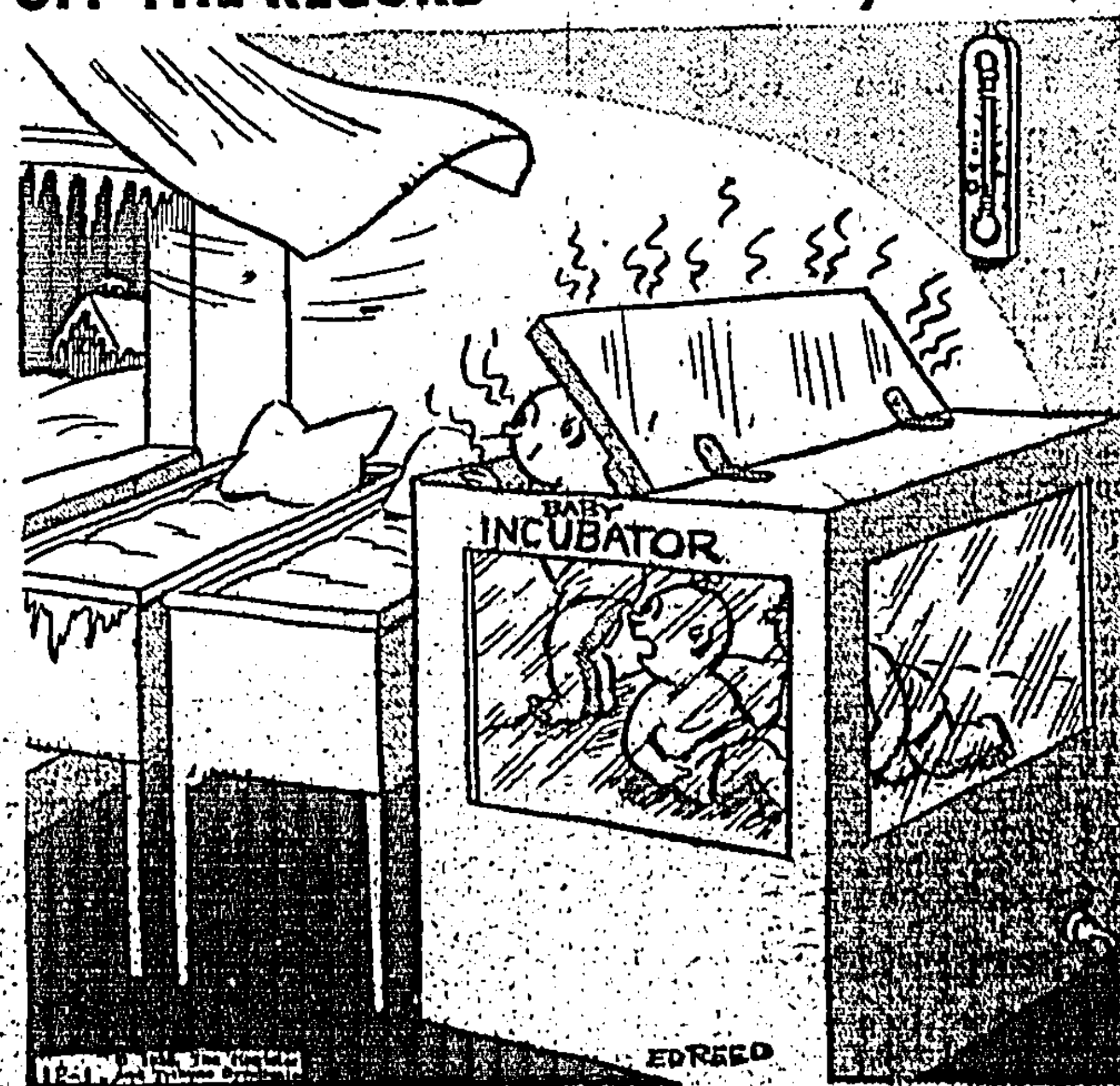
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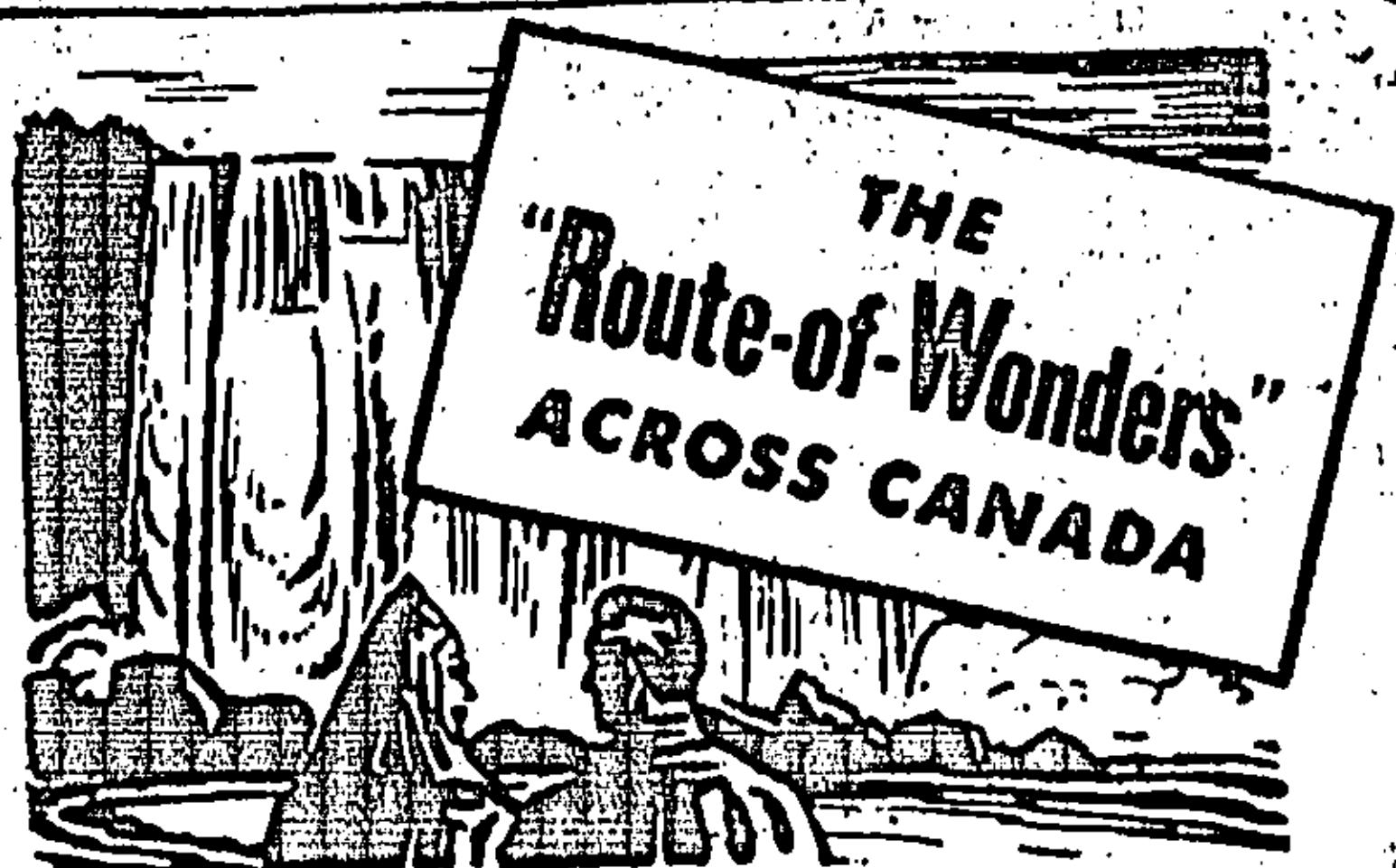


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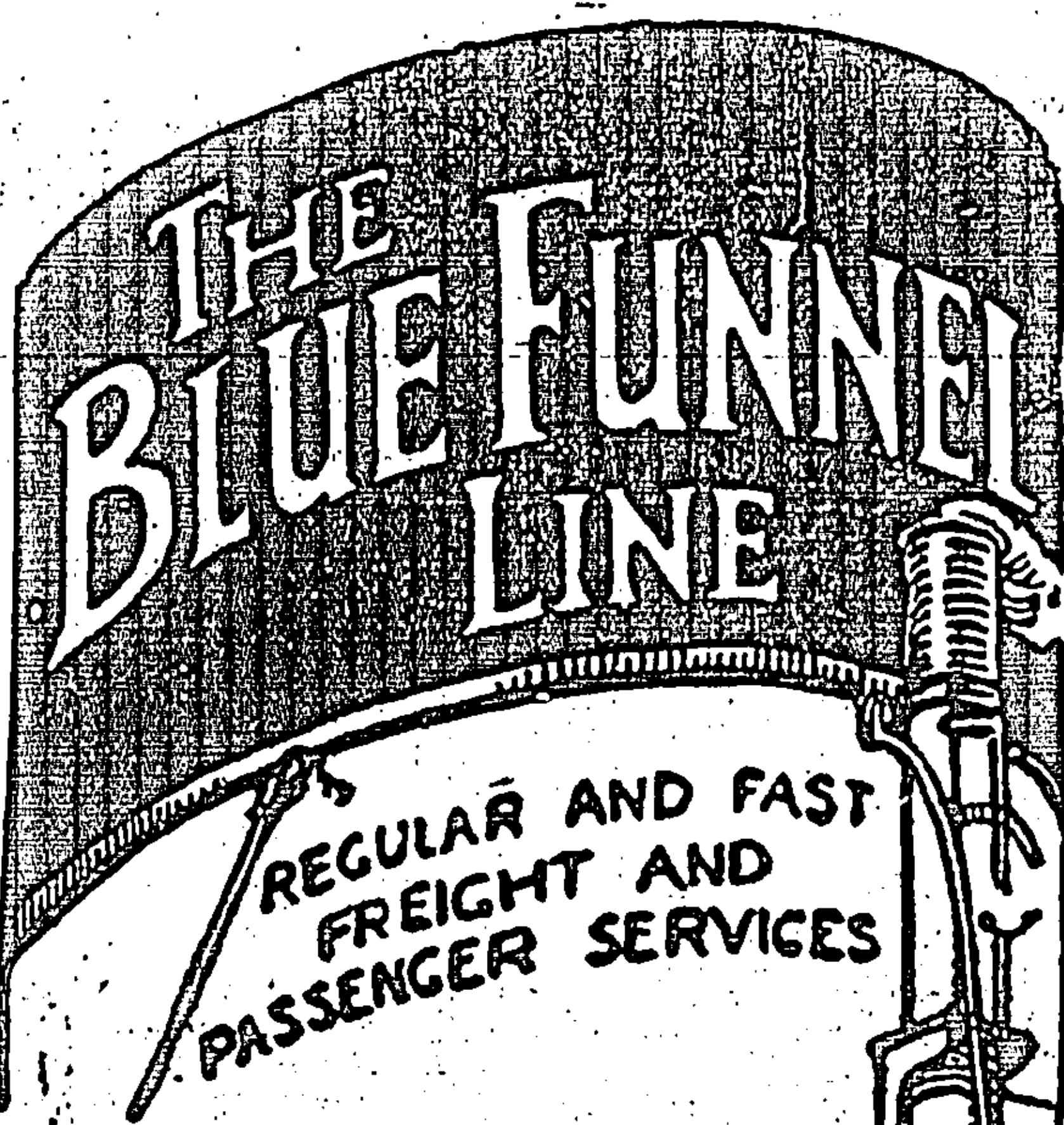
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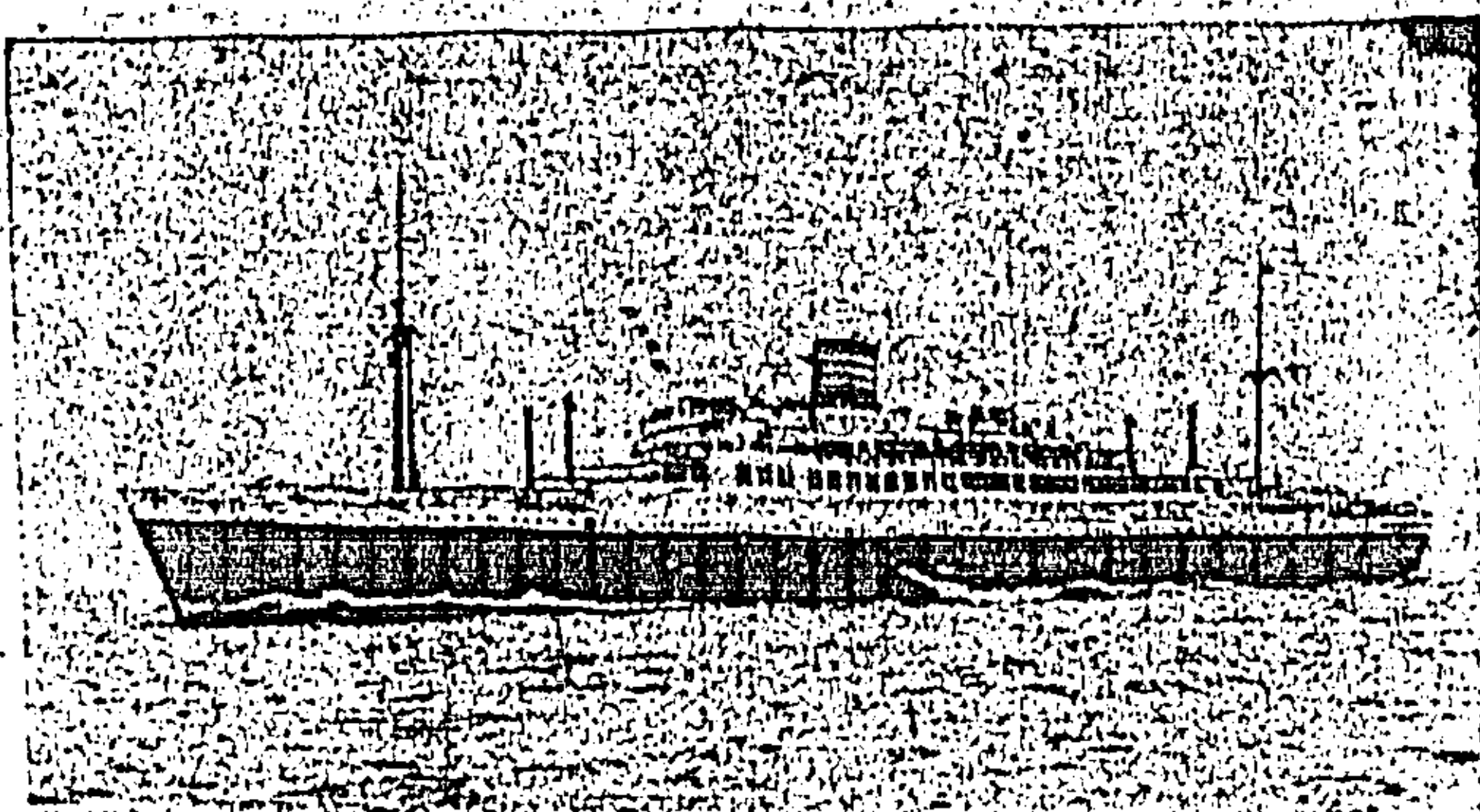
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Longer Distance Suits It Better MR. BLACK TO RIDE CONFUSION BAY ONCE AGAIN

(By "Rapier")

THERE IS EVERY reason to anticipate that glorious conditions for racing will prevail to-morrow when Hong Kong Jockey Club stage their Tenth Extra Race Meeting, the first saddling bell for which will be rung at 1.30 p.m. There are altogether eight events on the programme, the most interesting of which is the Fremantle St. Leger for Australian Subscription ponies of this season over 1 3/4 miles.

Race No. 1. NORFOLK HANDICAP (FIRST SECTION): ONE MILE

The day's programme opens with a race over the mile for first section "C" Class China ponies to be ridden by Novice Jockeys. Just In Time will be taken out by Master Li, who will be riding his father's pony for the first time in racing, but as it has been given top-weight of 168 lb. I am going to rule it out of my reckoning. Eve of Dancing which was fourth in the Kwangtung Handicap ridden by Mr. Chattey over the two mile post distance at the last meeting, if taken out by Mr. Wood, is my choice for this race. There is Blue Gate however to be reckoned with, as it ran third in the above race with Mr. Chang up and, as it will probably be Mr. K. W. Fung's mount to-morrow, it should be very near at the finish.

Musketeer (Mr. Yeung Wing-kwai) is a speedy animal and if given a runaway start it will be hard to overhaul. Rose Evelyn (Mr. Coppin) should not be disregarded as these two combine very well. Strathbannock (Mr. Chattey) is very lightly treated and may spring a surprise to pay out another big dividend. Advancing Time will be ridden by its old friend Mr. Ho Hong-ping, and as they have done well together hitherto it will probably be placed. I make the first three Eve of Dancing, Blue Gate, Musketeer.

Race No. 2. SUSSEX HANDICAP (FIRST SECTION): SIX FURLONGS

This race is confined to first section "B" Class China ponies. After winning the Wyndham Handicap (1-1/4 miles) at the last meeting Avon (Mr. Black) has been penalised 11lb. This may seem a heavy impost, but the pony is now in fine form, and it will be a surprise if it should fail to account for this event to-morrow. The only danger will come from Conquering Time (Mr. Wei), which was third in the Austin Handicap (First Section) over the mile at the Eighth Extra Meeting, and as it has only been penalised 3 lb., coupled with the shorter distance, it should give Avon a good fight for first position if it does not actually win.

Hopeful Star (Mr. Hearne) was third in the Tweed Island Bay Handicap, but failed to gain a place in the above race with Conquering Time. However, it should do better over this sprint event to-morrow. Humdrum Eve (Mr. Pih) ran unplaced the last time out, but will also probably do better over this distance.

Mr. Poy has the choice on either Ronson or Rose Emily, and he will probably take out Ronson, which is better over this distance. Lilliber will be taken out by Mr.

Chao and, as this pony has been improving since its last outing, it should be borne in mind.

The first place will probably be fought out between Avon and Conquering Time, with Hopeful Star third.

Race No. 3. FREMANTLE ST. LEGER: 1 3/4 MILES

Regarded as one of the most important events of the local racing season, with a handsome prize of \$1,000.00 at stake, this race should result in a gruelling contest between the following ponies:—

Far View (Mr. Pih)
Sapper (Mr. Black)
Australian Diamond (Mr. Wei)

Amicus Curiae (Mr. Chao). Far View had the better of Sapper in the Diamond Bay Handicap over the mile at the Eighth Extra Meeting, and in view of its superiority over Sapper in the Roxy-Hill Derby over 1-1/2 miles it will command strong support in the betting. Good as Far View is, however, I am of the opinion that it will not be good enough to win to-morrow over the longer distance. Sapper, although defeated by the above pony, will probably turn the tables on Far View as the distance is more suitable to this pony.

Australian Diamond won the Australian ponies Autumn Plate (1-1/4 miles) at the Seventh Extra Meeting, but was not opposed by the above two ponies. It won easily in 2.12 carrying 154 lb., and as it will be carrying 4 lb. less to-morrow an upset in this direction is possible. Then there is Amicus Curiae, winner of the Brisbane Spring Handicap over two miles with Mr. Tao up at the Third Extra Meeting. It should also be in the running if it can produce the same form.

However, taking everything into consideration, I nominate Sapper to win, with Far View second and Australian Diamond third.

Race No. 4. QUEENSLAND HANDICAP: TWO MILES

This is another long distance race and is confined to "C" Class Australian ponies. After its surprise win in the Balarat Handicap over 1-1/4 miles, Cheerful Star (Mr. Tao) has been penalised 5 lb., but it will naturally command the most support, and I think over this longer distance, despite the extra weight, it should win again. Piccadilly Jim has changed hands since its last run behind Cheerful Star, and as it will be ridden by Mr. Chao to-morrow, with a pound less, it may give a better account of itself in this longer run, and may even reverse its last defeat.

Centre Court (Mr. Sung), which was third last time out, has had its weight reduced 5 lb., and may do better in view of the longer distance. Warrego River (Mr. Black) since winning the Williamstown Handicap for "D" Class ponies has been promoted. It will be running with another 7 lb. penalty to-morrow. Although entered at the last meeting, it did not compete as its owners reserved it for this long distance race, and, judging from its last performance, I think it should give the above three ponies a good run for first position. Shuttlecock (Mr. Hearne) is in fine fettle at the moment, but I think the distance is a bit too long for its liking.

My nomination is Cheerful Star for the first position, with War-

rego River second and Piccadilly Jim third.

Race No. 5. ESSEX HANDICAP: ONE MILE

In this first leg of the "Daily Double," which will be contested by "A" Class China ponies, punters are presented with a distinctly difficult problem to solve.

Clember has not been raced since its last outing when it won the St. George's Plate over the Champions distance carrying top weight of 163 lb. In view of its long absence, therefore, I think we should disregard it as it has not done anything in its track work and will have 164 lb. to carry.

Mr. T. K. Li has three entries in Confusion Bay, Dupont Bay and O-Lan. I have been given to understand that Mr. Black will have his old favourite, Confusion Bay, as his mount in this race and Mr. Sung will take out Dupont Bay, winner of the Hong Kong Griffins Cup, and so give O-Lan a rest for the Griffins St. Leger. Confusion Bay, judging from its past performances, stands a good chance of winning. But should it fail, its stablemate Dupont Bay also has a chance in view of its last win over the 1-1/4 miles distance.

Craigavad proved a disappointment when it finished third in the October Handicap. It will be taken out by Mr. Pih, and I am inclined to believe that to-morrow, in view of the shorter distance, it should give Mr. Li's nominations a good fight for first position, if it does not actually win.

The shorter distance is also more to Distinctive Time's liking, and as it will be carrying only 142 lb. an upset here is not out of the question. Gay Star has only 140 lb. to handle to-morrow and, although it ran badly last time out, it may redeem itself in this race as it will be taken out by Mr. Hearne instead of Mr. Tao.

Johnber (Mr. Chao) was very unfortunate during the race at the last meeting, when its leather strap burst when coming down the straight and when the pony was in second position. It may do better to-morrow.

I nominate Confusion Bay to win with Craigavad second and Distinctive Time third.

Race No. 6. QUEENSLAND HANDICAP: SIX FURLONGS

A perusal of the entries in this race, reserved for "D" Class Australian ponies, gives me the impression that if its stable connections should start it in this race instead of the Fremantle St. Leger, one need not look further than Catterick Bridge, if ridden by Mr. Hearne and despite the fact it will be carrying top-weight of 165 lb., to win. The pony to watch, however, is Heinz, which was third in the Port Phillip Handicap won by A Green Time. This pony will again be ridden by Mr. Black and should give Catterick Bridge a keen fight at the end.

There is also Tarzan (Mr. Hoo Pak-ming), which will have an allowance of 5 lb., to be considered, as this pony is quite capable of winning with its light impost. Colorado Star (Mr. Davis) also looks dangerous here with 140 lb. to handle as this pony was third to Warrego River in the Williamstown Handicap over a mile.

Grand Allegiance (Mr. Pih) has been given 135 lb. to carry, but as this pony is so unreliable in its outings I can hardly recommend it for a win. A ticket each way on this combination to-morrow may, however, turn out to be a good investment.

My nomination is Catterick Bridge to win, with Heinz second and Tarzan third.

Race No. 7. NORFOLK HANDICAP (SECOND SECTION): ONE MILE

The second leg of the "Daily

BOWLING ALLEY JOTTINGS

By "STRIKE"

THE first match in the First Round of the Ewo Indoor Bowling League was played off last Saturday. The match was a three game match between Argonauts and Buglers, and resulted, as was expected, in a win for the Argonauts by 129 pins, individual scores being as follows:

ARGONAUTS		BUGLERS	
A. Cleggett	481	H. B. Wilkins	473
G. Birkett	471	N. Neate	429
D. Hall	471	J. D. McLaren	406
S. A. Ismail	412	W. Wathen	398
	1835		1708

All players bowled below their usual standard. The highest score of the match was registered by Cleggett for the Argonauts, who is practically a newcomer to match play, but who has amassed good scores on several occasions in ordinary games.

WELL BELOW FORM

A FRIENDLY game was played on Tuesday (during the Black-out) between Molthen and Hearther and Blount and Watts. None of the four players returned outstanding scores.

On this occasion Watts and Blount won by 67 pins, the scores being as follows:

Corp. Watts	845	Ernie Hearther	806
Corp. Blount	831	Doc Molthen	803
	1676		1609

Strange as it may seem when four good bowlers like Blount, Watts, Hearther and Molthen

meet, there was only one score of 200 or over made, and this was made by Hearther on his fourth game. He scored a good 211, but it is hard to understand, and is really beyond my comprehension how a good bowler of Hearther's standing could drop to a 124 and 122, which he made on his second and third games. These are probably the lowest scores he has ever put up in a match game.

Even Molthen's 132 in his first game would have given anyone present an idea of how completely off form these two players were.

BISCHOFF ON TOP

THE match between Asheville first team and Asheville Engineers resulted in a win for the latter team by 141 pins, the individual scores being as follows:

ASHEVILLE ENGINEERS		ASHEVILLE FIRST TEAM	
C. J. Fleming	720	A. J. Bischoff	747
Joe Harvey	657	J. W. Hinz	615
C. E. Ewing	621	E. L. Wood	495
	1998		1857

There was no doubt about the poor quality of bowling all round, and this was no doubt due to the fact that windows, doors, etc., were blacked-out, and visibility was not too good.

It is a long time since I have seen such lowly scoring.

SIGNALS WIN

ON Thursday October 24, a five game Duck Pin match, which was originally intended to be played between the Alley Duck Pin Team and our old friends U.S.S. Mindanao had to be postponed owing to Naval, Military and Volunteer duties, but Mindanao put out a team and the Royal Corps of Signals played them instead.

On this occasion Royal Signals won very comfortably by 356 pins, individual scores being as follows:

SIGNALS		MINDANAO	
J. H. Watts	551	T. A. Slater	432
A. Cleggett	504	R. E. Skiver	431
H. B. Wilkins	478	C. E. Vaughan	418
D. H. Hall	423	W. H. Edwards	319
	1956		1600

There was no doubt about the superiority of Signals, but it must be borne in mind that Signals were the more experienced Duck Pin players and, with the exception of Cleggett, have all played in match games on several occasions.

This was not so with the Mindanao, for, with the exception of I believe, Salter and Skiver, who have played in one or two match games before, the other two had not played the game before.

It would have been a somewhat different tale to tell had the original team been able to turn out, that is Philo, Davis, Hanf and Emerson.



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By "Skip"

Considering that a programme of four matches was provided, the attendance at the Gutierrez International Shield matches at Craigengower last Saturday was very disappointing, although many more turned up for the semi-finals the following day.

On Saturday the only upset, if such it can be called, was the defeat of Australia at the hands of the Philippines. The latter were much too good for the opposition of whom I thought Bill Way, on his own green, was very disappointing, with the result that Jimmy Kew, who drew some spectacular shots, and Teddy Fincher, were always fighting an uphill battle.

I indicated a win for Ireland, but it was not until the very last bowl had been delivered that I was proved right. The Irish team pulled up exceptionally well after trailing all the way and being led 17-8 with only four or five ends to go. But they had a lead of a couple of shots when the last head began.

Rosselet's Problem

And what is more they lay a bunch before Joe Landolt drew the first shot.

Charlie Rosselet was set a problem. He could either drive the jack through and secure a big enough count, or else try to draw with his first. Had he succeeded in the latter—and he was drawing very well until these last few ends—he would probably have tried to put another one in.

He chose to drive with both woods and found the same port each time.

Wales were never conceded a hope against England, but actually her players surprised me—especially Ogden, who has not, as yet, an outstanding reputation. Younghusband played well and was probably inspired by his first two woods, which both scored when the Englishmen were counting three. A great start! Perkins was steady as lead for the winners, but none of the others were outstanding.

Duncan Prominent

The best standard of bowling was seen in the game between India and Scotland, which the former won by a singleton. Bob

Duncan was the hero of the day, and he saved his side repeatedly, some of his drawing being nothing short of uncanny—I almost wrote miraculously!

Willie McLeod and Bob Morrison were beating the two Rumjahn most of the time, and it was left to the Omars to retrieve the situation.

"K.M." especially rarely failed in this but with Duncan altering the subsequent lay so often, "U.M." had plenty to do—and was not found wanting.

Semi-Finals

The semi-finals at Kowloon Cricket Club on Sunday proved much more one-sided than was expected, England beating Philippines quite comfortably after an even start and India proving much too strong for Ireland.

K. M. Omar was not nearly as good as on the previous day, but the lead and No. 2 did better, though the opposition was not so deadly. The elder Omar was the best man on view, but I was disappointed in Lockhart, who could not find his touch at all, whilst his instructions—or lack of them—did not suit the critics on the bank.

England's Win

After the latter had led 10-5, England and Philippines were 10-11 at the 12th, which gives an idea of how things were going, but when the England team got really going, there was only one team in it. Atienza played some excellent woods, but Dick Basa was even better, whilst Sherhiff and Hall, their respective opponents, also "did their stuff," especially towards the finish.

Perkins was again steady, but as a pair the two Castros had the better of the winners' lead and No. 2.

Kowloon Cricket Club will hold its annual intra-club bowls match on Sunday when the over forties will meet the under forties. Play will start at 10 a.m.

K.M. OMAR NEW C.C.C. CHAMPION

K. M. Omar won the Craigengower Cricket Club Singles Lawn Bowls title during the week as the result of a walk-over from U. M. Omar.

Y.M.C.A. LOSE TO H.K.S.R.A. AT HOCKEY

AT KING'S PARK YESTERDAY AFTERNOON, Y.M.C.A. SENIORS WERE DEFEATED BY A TEAM FROM H.K.S.R.A. BY TWO CLEAR GOALS IN A FRIENDLY HOCKEY MATCH. THE WINNERS LED 1-0 AT THE INTERVAL.

Dunne, inside-left, was the best in the losers' attack, and Spenceclay played a sound game on the right-wing. Waldron was the pick of the intermediate line, while Benwell saved well between the sticks.

For the winners, Nur Khan and Mohd Yusaf, who each scored, were the most outstanding players on the field.

Y.M.C.A. — Benwell; Jordan and Smith; Croft, Pennington and Waldron; Spenceclay, Ure, Colledge, Dunne and Ireson.

H.K.S.R.A. — Mohd Faza; Mohd Yusaf and Masha Singh; Gajjan Singh, Draz Khan and Mohd Nawaz; Mumtaz Ali, Pyara Singh, Kishan Singh, Gurdas Singh and Nur Khan.

C.C.C. MEETING

An increase in the monthly subscription by \$1, making it \$3, was approved at the annual meeting of Craigengower Cricket Club yesterday. Mr. C. S. Rosselet presided in the absence of Mr. B. W. Bradbury, president.

The meeting unanimously approved that Messrs. L. E. Lammer and R. Pestonji be elected Life Members. Addressing the meeting, Mr. Lammer, recalled that he joined the Club on its inception in 1894 and had thus beaten Mr. Pestonji by one year.

Following, office-bearers were appointed:

President, Mr. B. W. Bradbury; Vice-President, Mr. C. S. Rosselet; Hon. Secretary, Mr. E. Zimmerman; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. H. W. Randall; Committee, Messrs. L. C. R. Souza, A. E. Conles, W. K. Way, Dr. N. P. Karanjia, L. E. Lammer, W. O. Nodes, J. Leonard, Dr. V. N. Atienza.

Conveners:—Bowls, Mr. L. C. R. Souza; Tennis, Mr. J. W. Leonard; Bar, Mr. W. O. Nodes; House, Committee, Mr. W. K. Way; Social Committee, Mr. A. E. Conles. Cricket:—Captain, 1st XI, E. Zimmerman; Vice-Captain, G. Souza; Captain, 2nd XI, A. M. Omar; Vice-Captain, B. R. Iranee.

POLICE SOCCER WIN OVER R.A.F.

Police second eleven entertained and beat Royal Air Force in a friendly football match at Boundary Street yesterday afternoon by 4 goals to 1 after leading 3-1 at the end of the first period.

Police scored their goals through Pope, Wong Man-kwai, Kong Ting and Lau Hing-cho, while Richardson scored for R.A.F.

Pay Section Eliminated

BILL SIMPSON EMPLOYS THE RIGHT TACTICS

(By "Skip")

FOUR MORE MATCHES IN THE "CHINA MAIL" CHALLENGE CUP COMPETITION WERE PLAYED OVER THE WEEK-END AND THERE WERE ONE OR TWO SURPRISING RESULTS, THE ELIMINATION OF THE PAY SECTION BEING THE CHIEF ONE, I THOUGHT.

Third Battery played their first game to date and after a good recovery put out Scottish Company's "E" rink, composed of members of the Kowloon Dock platoon. As both the first battery teams won they can be said to be going great guns.

Progress has been slow to date and few matches are due for decision this week-end, but on November 10 there will be a full programme, possibly morning and afternoon as the Final is scheduled to be played on the afternoon of November 17. The programme for this week has been announced, and next week's will be issued earlier in the week, and it is hoped that it will be strictly adhered to.

Field Engineers' "B" were the conquerors of Pay Section, who on their previous form looked more than useful. But Bill Simpson employed the right tactics in playing an aggressive game as the first two pay men were drawing well to the jack, and the jack was not infrequently difficult to move by methods other than those of the demolition variety.

Bert Muskett, who used to play such a sound game for the Hong Kong Electric team, was right off his game, and Rakusen found his task too hard.

Walker Excels

Willie Walker was the star turn of the game between Third Battery and No. 2 "E" and he put hardly one wasted wood down, saving repeatedly early on when the Dock men were usually counting three or more when he went down to bowl, and adding his quota subsequently. Charlie Thom did quite well as skip, an usual position for him but Willie Tillery was the surprise man of the side, his form being excellent considering his infrequent appearances on the green.

Thom, who by the way has not yet the rank which his initials would seem to indicate, excelled himself at the 16th and 17th heads, when the Gunners had taken the lead for the first time. He out-drew Walker for one shot first of all and then added a couple at the next head to regain the ascendancy.

But the Artillerymen secured eight in the last three heads to record a worthy win.

1st Battery Surprised

First Battery "B" again surprised me by eliminating No. 5 Company "B" after an exciting finish as one could wish for, the scores being knitted, as the baseball scribes call it, at the 20th.

Botelho was lying one shot when he went down to bowl and

SCHOOL-BOY LEAGUE

Ten school teams have already entered for the Kowloon Inter-School Small Boys' Miniature Football League, sponsored by the Children's Playgrounds Association, Hong Kong.

The teams are:—Wah Yan College, The Primary School of Canton University, Munsang College, Kowloon English College, National English School, Tak Ming College, Mun Far College, Nam Mo College and Ming Sun School.

A representative meeting to discuss matters concerning the organisation of the League will be held to-morrow at 2 p.m. in the Social Room of Chinese Y.M.C.A. Kowloon Branch.

SUNDAY'S GAMES

Following is the programme of Cup matches this Sunday:

AT CLUB DE RECREIO
1st Battery "A" v 1st Battery "B" (At 3 p.m.)
AT K.C.C.
No. 6 Coy. "A" v 3rd Battery (At 10 a.m.)
AT C.S.C.
5th Battery v Stanley "A" (At 10 a.m.)
AT K.F.C.
No. 5 Coy. "A" v A.S.C. Coy. "A" (At 10 a.m.)

wisely tried to block with his first wood. This he failed to do and Jack drew the shot. The Portuguese skip rested this beautifully, only for Jack to do the same amidst a loyal show of jubilation on the part of his team.

No. 3 Company's "B" team appeared to have every chance of beating First Battery "A" when they led by 16-10 quite late in the game, but the latter staged a fine recovery at the last four heads to enter the next round, in which they unfortunately have to meet their "B" team. Norman Mackay played a useful game as three for the losers, whilst Duggle Hung showed an aptitude for the game.

Kern Prominent

The only other match which was played was another of those domestic affairs, in which the two A.S.C. teams met. The "A" men, after securing a lead of 10-3, lost a fly, which should have been saved, and subsequently had to fight every inch of the way, for the "B" team drew level at 14-14 and took the lead from the first team a couple of heads later when they chalked up another nap hand. Fortunately, for the peace of mind of the selectors, Kern pulled off a wonderful shot to draw level with a three at the next head, and dogged bowls—in the dark I may add—produced three singletons at the remaining heads.

Kern was excellent throughout, being positively brilliant to begin with, and he certainly saved the situation by drawing a second shot at the last head as Rosselet, whose heavy ones connected pretty well, picked out what was originally the first shot.

For the winners the lead was good and gave the O.C. plenty of work to do in trying to remove him, in which he succeeded several times. Tuck for the losers drew some pretty shots but Joe Meyer could do nothing right except on one occasion, when the wood hit his leg when being delivered and finished up within an inch of where he was told to place it!

CHESS RESULTS

Following were the results of matches played yesterday evening in the annual Senior Tournament of Kowloon Chess Club:

G. S. Coxhead drew with C. M. Sequelra, K. M. A. Barnett beat A. Y. Birlukoff, D. E. de Carvalho beat W. Lee, B. D. Evans beat M. W. Olsuff.

In a Junior Tournament game, A. C. Poupard beat Th. Laufer.

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ARMY SPORTLIGHT

By "SQUADY"

Hockey

IN the Departmental Corps Hockey League last week Royal Air Force defeated Service Corps in a hard game by the odd goal in five at Sookunpoo. Signals beat Medicals by the only goal of the match, and Combined Military Hospital were given a walk-over by Ordnance, who were unable to field a team.

To-day Signals are playing Air Force at Sookunpoo at 4.45 p.m., and the winners of this match have the best opportunity of winning the League, and both sides are evenly matched.

On Wednesday at Sookunpoo R.A.O.C. lost to Medicals by one goal to nil.

At Happy Valley on Monday Signals did well to beat a Naval XI by five clear goals. Temple, Player, and Wilkins each scoring once and Cpl. Blount twice for Signals.

Association Football

THE second Army trial—the first was anything but satisfactory—will be held on Wednesday, November 20, and the following have been selected to play:—Reds:—Moxham R.E.; Freshwater, Mx., and Hamlen, R.A.S.C.; Birrell, R.E., Bright, Mx., and Wilkinson, Mx.; Commer, Mx., Morgan, R.A.S.C., Fox, Engineers, Clarke, R.A.S.C., and Cpl. Martin, R.A.S.C. Whites:—Duncan, R.S., Lawton, R.A. and Naysmith, R.S.; Shaw, R.E., Parnaby, R.S., Falconer, R.S.; Lam Wai-lun, R.E., Pearson, Mx., Hossack, R.S., Young, R.A.S.C. and S/Sgt. Duffield, R.A.O.C.

To-morrow Middlesex are playing Kowloon and will be without P. S. M. Riches, who was injured on Tuesday in a car accident.

Sappers will most probably be without the services of Fox, who is on the injured list.

Guy, of 30th R.A., is also on the sick list and will be greatly missed this week-end.

Signals are strengthening their team this week by bringing in Taylor and Parry in the defence. They were unable to play last week. Sgt. Bundy, who played for Army last season, will be making his first appearance in League football this season.

CRICKET TEAMS

Following are some cricket teams for to-morrow's matches:

C.S.C.C. 1st XI v H.K.C.C. (away):—J. E. Richardson, W. Colledge, A. E. Perry, D. MacLellan, S. Booker, T. V. Fortescue, J. Atwell, R. H. Griffiths, D. Hollidge, L. Whitley and N. L. Smith.

C.S.C.C. 2nd XI v P.R.C. (home):—H. E. Strange, A. F. Sheppard, F. E. Lawrence, C. Ainslie, C. Stone, D. Davidson, A. Watson, J. Barrow, J. F. MacGowan, J. Mitchell and R. G. Robertson.

I.R.C. 2nd XI v K.C.C. (away):—A. H. Small, M. I. Razack, A. el Arculli, O. el Arculli, A. M. J. Rumjahn, J. M. A. Rumjahn, S. A. Curraem, A. Rahmin, T. Ahmed, B. el Arculli and A. N. Other.

P.R.C. v C.S.C.C. (away):—A. E. Carey, C. Pope, W. L. Clarke, A. Kirby, J. Shephard, H. Danbrowsky, A. Estall, J. Aitken, J. Lewis, E. G. Post and A. Billingham.

Reserves:—H. Tyler, K. M. McLeod and W. Fyffe.

K.C.C. 1st XI v I.R.C. (at Sookunpoo):—E. C. Fincher (Capt.), N. D. Lloyd, D. J. N. Anderson, W. Rapley, A. Zimmermann, E. F. Fincher, F. R. Zimmermann, R. T. Broadbridge, D. Hung, T. A. Madar and L. R. Burch.

K.C.C. 2nd XI v I.R.C. (at home):—S. A. Gray (Capt.), R. Baldwin, G. A. Goodban, E. Curtis, H. Brokenshire, K. M. Baxter, Major Parsons, R. J. Fenton, J. R. Luke, F. Crabb and J. W. Bertram.

CRICKET AT C.S.C.C.

A cricket match has been arranged between the Rest of the Civil Service Cricket Club and Bowlers of the Club, to be played on Sunday, commencing at 2.30 p.m.

Following are the teams:—Lawn Bowlers:—H. E. Strange, H. F. Harper, A. Sheppard, V. Ebbage, J. Gellatly, W. Hillyer, M. E. Purvis, T. Seddon, C. Strange, C. J. Walker and P. D. Crawley.

The Rest:—F. E. Lawrence, J. A. Rendall, N. J. Skinner, L. D. Skinner, R. Lawrence, F. Haynes, I. Agafuroff, B. Agafuroff, H. P. Cunningham, V. J. Millington and J. T. Tracey.

Police Recreation Club will meet Royal Air Force in a friendly cricket match on Sunday, at Happy Valley, commencing at 2 p.m.

Small Units Football

TWO games will be played in the Small Units competition next week, between 40 (F) Coy of the Engineers and HQ Coy of the Middlesex, on St. Joseph's ground, Happy Valley, kick off 2 p.m. and the other game between the 22nd (F) Coy Engineers and A Coy of the Royal Scots at Sookunpoo, kick off 3 p.m.

Rowing Regatta

IN the forthcoming Rowing Regatta, which is being held in two weeks time, Service Corps have been getting down to training hard and have entered for the Brown Cup, Ah King Cup, and the Chaplain's Cup, and Sappers will have to watch them rather closely as they are out to win as many trophies as possible this year.

Tennis

I understand that Middlesex are playing a Doubles Tennis tournament open to all ranks, which they hope to complete before going to camp. It is rather late in the season to think about tennis, but it is a good idea and will give them a pointer as to strength for next year. This tournament, however, should be held just before the League is due to start and would thus enable the selectors to select the best team.

Around The Soccer Fields

A full programme of soccer games was played during last week-end and though the majority of games resulted as expected there were several surprises, two of which were caused by Royal Scots.

In First Division Royals did remarkably well to share the points with Navy after being led by two goals 10 minutes from time. Hendy, who played for Navy at full-back the greater part of last season, was in great form in the attack and scored four of Navy's five goals. Royals' forward line played well and Marshall and Munro had their share in the goal-scoring. Clarke made a welcome return to the intermediate line after his injury in the first game of the season and played well.

Saints Handicapped

WEAKENED by injuries, St. Joseph's were no match for Middlesex, who played good soccer throughout. Sheehan, who has played in several positions this season for Middlesex, was a constant danger in attack and received able support from Saw and Pearson. Coomer, on the right wing, also played well.

All in place of Tsang, in Saints' goal, gave an impressive display considering this was the first time he has played in that position. Bowen was not fast enough for the Middlesex forwards.

Cruz, on the left-wing, was not his usual self. His centring was poor and he would not shoot when well-placed.

Better Inside Man

CLUB started off promisingly enough against Eastern, but fell off badly later to be beaten by 6 goals to 2. Rietsen played his first game for two seasons, but he was injured early in the game and was then a passenger in the intermediate line.

South China were unlucky to draw with Sing Tao. A little more steadiness on the part of Tam Kwan-kon would have given them full points. Sing Tao never looked like a winning team and without Lai Shui-wing their attack was robbed of much of its sting. The absence of Chau Man-chi and Chan Tak-fai from South China's attack was

in a fast game at Sookunpoo on Sunday. Bankier played a good game for Royals, in goal, and saved his side. Royals had hard luck in not winning when Gallagan sent in a hard shot which hit the cross bar with Moxham beaten.

A.S.A. Recruits

NO team experiences so much difficulty in raising a side as A.S.A. The members of their teams are in different companies of the Defence Corps so that they have not yet been able to field their best side. In future they will be strengthened by L. Souza and I. Fernandes, formerly of St. Joseph's, while it is possible that several Army players will be playing for them for the game's sake.

International are making every effort to win the Third Division. They have a good team with local talent, but they are not satisfied and are now enlisting the services of Army players wherever possible. They, of Engineers, has turned out for them several times already and has been their main goal scorer. Boody and others of Royal Engineers will probably join them soon.

Referees' XI

REFEREES' team for their Annual game against Press has been announced and includes several active footballers. They should account for the Press providing Sing Tao do not take the field.

Fraser is the Royal Scots' First Division back, Brakenberry leads the Signals' attack, while Smith, who generally plays in goal for Medicals, will be seen on the right-wing.

The Finals of the Inter-school Swimming championships will be held this afternoon at 2 p.m. at Victoria Recreation Club.

By "Referee"

also keenly felt. Lee Tak-kee played a remarkably good game and is obviously more useful to the attack in an inside position than on the wing, the position he played against Middlesex the previous week.

K. Wah Slipping

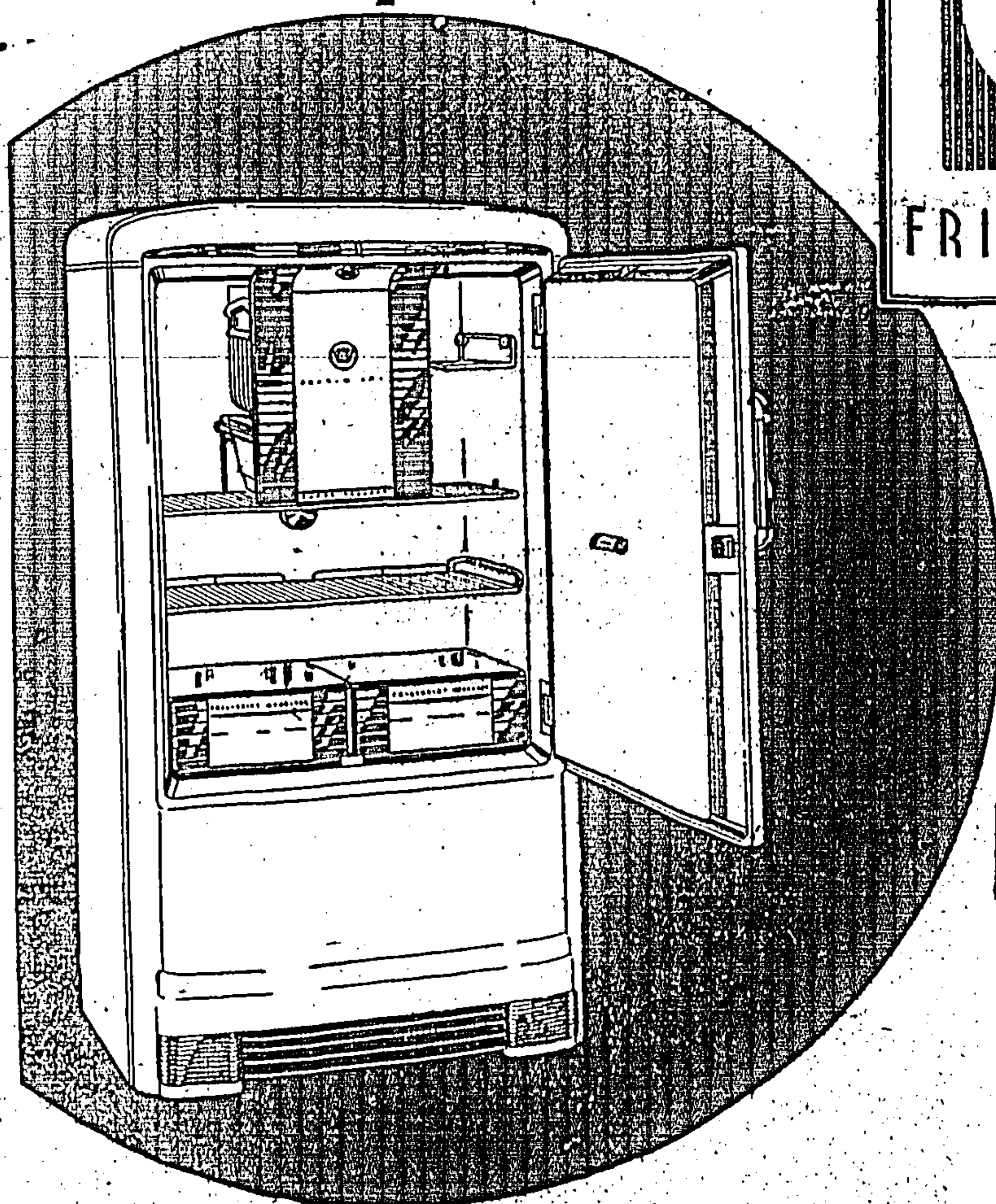
KWONG WAH are sinking deeper into the mire. On Sunday they were outplayed by Police, who thus registered their first win. Lee Kwok-chui, Kwong Wah's goal-keeper, is still on the injured list and his place was taken by Wong Wah-guy.

Todd played in goal for Police instead of Taylor, but he did not have much to do. Howlett, Moss and Ferrer were good forwards, but none were able to finish a movement in the approved style, though all could shoot at times.

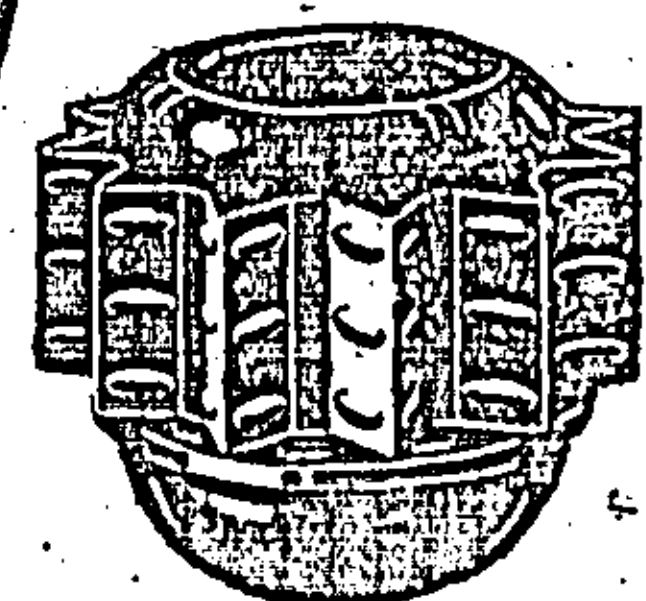
Engineers Held

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ANOTHER HITLER PEACE OFFENSIVE SPEECH?

Diplomatic circles in Zurich believe that decisions of capital importance concerning France were taken at the Florence meeting between Hitler and Mussolini, stated the Italian controlled press agency yesterday.

These decisions, the agency added, are likely to be the subject of a speech which Hitler will shortly make at a specially convened meeting of the Reichstag.—Reuter.

ANOTHER AMBUSH

British fighting patrols were again active in the Kassala region of the Sudan on October 27 and 28, according to a British communique issued in Cairo yesterday.

The communique adds: "On the latter day a party of the

Brother Of Sir Andrew Cunningham

GENERAL WAVELL, Commander-in-Chief of the British forces in the Near East, has received a valuable reinforcement in the person of Major-General A. G. Cunningham, who is going to Kenya to take over command of troops in East Africa.

General Cunningham is a brother of Admiral Sir Andrew Cunningham, who commands the Mediterranean Fleet, and shares his qualities of tenacity and pluck.

ISOLATED RAIDS ON BRITAIN

ISOLATED ENEMY AIRCRAFT MADE ATTACKS ON VARIOUS PARTS OF BRITAIN AFTER MIDDAY YESTERDAY, STATES AN AIR MINISTRY COMMUNIQUE.

Bombs were dropped on two towns in the Eastern Counties and at a point in south Wales and the Midlands, according to reports hitherto received.

There was a small number of casualties but resulting damage was slight.—Reuter.

enemy was ambushed, leaving 15 dead and six prisoners in our hands. Two mechanical transport vehicles were also wrecked. Our casualties were nil.

"There is nothing to report from Egypt, Kenya and Palestine." — Reuter.

Recently General Cunningham has been closely associated with the anti-aircraft defences of Britain and had been a big influence in their practical development.

He has an engaging personality and will be popular with the South African troops in Kenya. He is also a "live wire."

Another military figure who has come to the forefront of late is Major-General Fuller, known to his friends as "Boney" when on the active list because of his remarkable resemblance to Napoleon Bonaparte.

He is also a man of ideas whose writings have commanded a wide public.

A Tank Man

He considered the Army's needs were tanks and yet more tanks, a policy which 18 months ago was unpopular and led to such an acid controversy that General Fuller was branded by the conventional as an extremist.

Nevertheless, in 1923, a permanent Tank Corps was created largely as a result of General Fuller's efforts, and this grew in experience until it was embodied in the Royal Armoured Corps, which now consists of mechanised cavalry and tanks.

General Fuller was not able to serve with the creation of his brain. He retired many years before it matured to devote himself to writing and the study of military history. Now once again his audacious ideas are creating widespread interest.—Reuter.

FRENCH ASSURANCE TO U.S.

M. Henri Haye, French Ambassador in Washington, yesterday gave the State Department renewed assurances that the United States had nothing to fear from possible developments affecting French possessions in the Western Hemisphere.

Talking to pressmen after conferring with Mr. Sumner Welles, Under-Secretary of State, M. Haye said he had delivered assurances that the negotiations between France and Germany and Italy did not involve the question of any cession of territory or a separate peace with Germany.

A message received from Vichy the previous night, he said, denied Germany had made any proposal for a formal peace in the negotiations.

M. Haye added he had not yet received any reply from Marshal Petain to President Roosevelt's message in regard to French possessions in the Western Hemisphere.—Reuter.

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STOP PRESS

GREEK WARSHIPS JOINED IN BATTLE AGAINST ITALIAN LAND TROOPS WHEN THEY SHELLED ITALIAN ADVANCED POSITIONS ON THE GRECO-ALBANIAN BORDER EARLY YESTERDAY.

THE BOMBARDMENT, WHICH BEGAN AT 7 A.M. AND LASTED AN HOUR, WAS WATCHED BY A LARGE CROWD GATHERED ON CORFU.

THERE WAS NO SIGN OF ITALIAN WARSHIPS OR PLANES WHILE THE SHELLING PROCEEDED AND THERE IS NO NEWS OF ANY ANGLO-ITALIAN NAVAL BATTLE.—REUTER.

After an earlier alert, Londoners heard the earliest "Raiders Passed" signal last night since the extensive night raids began in early September. Buses, trams and tubes ran to normal schedule.—Reuter.

The alertness of the engine crew of the through train from Kowloon to Lowu yesterday morning prevented a disaster in a derailment.

The accident occurred at the "fork" near Fanling Station. No one was injured.

The 11-carriage train left Kowloon for Lowu at 6.20 a.m.

At about 7 a.m. as it was passing over the "fork" just before Fanling Station, the five rear carriages suddenly switched off towards the side track and left the rails, giving the passengers, mostly first and second class, a severe shaking.

Owing to the alertness of the engine crew the train was brought to a halt and, fortunately, none of the carriages overturned.

Traffic was held up but before nightfall, it was resumed, the line having been cleared.

ITALIANS HELD IN CHECK ALONG FRONTIER

(Continued from Page 1)

Italian correspondents there are stressing the exceptionally bad weather in Albania, said the Stefani agency yesterday. They say incessant rain has transformed the country into a swamp in which troops, horses and mechanised units are struggling to advance.—Reuter.

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HITLER'S ACHILLES HEEL

Admiral of the Fleet Lord Chatfield, who was the former Minister for the Co-ordination of Defence, thinks Britain should strike violent blows against Italy now.

Britain, said Lord Chatfield yesterday, had naval forces in the Mediterranean able to contain the Italian fleet, hold the Straits of Gibraltar and protect the Suez Canal.

Italy, in invading Greece through Albania, could maintain her armies by the short sea route across the Adriatic which was not an easy sea for the British Navy, but there were always possibilities of night action and if Italy planned to extend her operations to the Greek islands, the British fleet might be given the opportunity for which it had waited.

The laws of strategy dictated: Strike at the enemy's weak spot with the utmost force.

Italy is the Axis weak spot and those sea and air forces which could be spared from the defence of Britain against Germany should enable us to strike violent blows against Italy now.—Reuter.

BERLIN'S CHANGE OF TUNE

The Wilhelmstrasse's view of the Italian conflict with Greece has changed, stated the Berlin correspondent of the "Basler Nachrichten" yesterday.

It is suggested the Italo-Greek war will soon have consequences for Germany's relations with Hungary.

Official circles in Berlin compare Italy's action in Greece with Germany's action in Norway.

The political solidarity of Berlin and Rome is now emphasised, seeing that "the action against Greece is part of the common warfare against Britain."

Neutral observers are seriously concerned at the danger of an extension of the Italo-Greek conflict, adds the correspondent.—Reuter.

SOCIAL JOTTINGS

Frau Goebbels presented her Propaganda Minister husband with a seventh child, a daughter, yesterday, according to Berlin reports received in Stockholm.—Reuter.

SOVIET DENIES SUPPLY OF PLANES TO GREECE

A report that over 100 warplanes have been supplied by the Soviet to Greece in the last few days is emphatically denied by the official Soviet agency, according to Moscow radio yesterday.—Reuter.

R.A.F. IN ACTION IN GREEK ZONE

Reconnaissance flights over Greek and Italian coastal waters were made by the R.A.F. on Wednesday and during one flight an Italian plane was encountered and shot down in flames.

A communique announcing this records attacks by the R.A.F. and the South African Air Force in the Middle East on six Italian bases and camps in Libya and East Africa.

A stores dump was destroyed, a military building damaged or set on fire and warehouses heavily bombed at Bardja and Tobruk (Libya), Teclezan, Keren, Lugh and Ferandi (Italian Somaliland) and Massawa. Our aircraft returned safely from all these operations; the communique concludes.—Reuter.

ITALIAN BOMBING ATTACKS

Lopanto, in the Gulf of Corinth, Agrinion and Egina, were bombed by Italian aircraft.

The raid on the latter place led to an afternoon alarm in Athens. Minor damage was done in all three places.

A 9 o'clock curfew for all foreigners has been imposed in Athens and this is believed to be connected with a police comb-out.

It is hoped that British subjects, as allies, will receive permits permitting freedom of movement shortly.—Reuter.

Greatest Depth Of Advance Six Miles

THE GREATEST DEPTH OF THE ITALIAN ADVANCE AT ANY POINT IS ONLY SIX MILES, ACCORDING TO AUTHORITATIVE SOURCES IN ATHENS YESTERDAY. IT WAS STATED THAT THE ITALIAN ARTILLERY ARE POUNDING THE GREEK ADVANCED POSTS BUT NOWHERE HAS CONTACT BEEN MADE WITH THE MAIN LINES OF GREEK DEFENCE.

The Italians are using a large number of mobile field guns in which they are greatly superior to the Greeks.

The mountainous nature of the country on the Greek-Albanian frontier dictates only three practical lines of advance for the Italian forces.

In the north-east, the gap in the high ridges which affords an approach to Florina, on the road to Salonika, is exceptionally well guarded by the Greeks.

The Italians had concentrated heavily at Kioleca, in Albania, for the drive against Florina but hitherto they have failed to make any significant progress.

Another gap is found in the centre of the front. This leads only into difficult country where few if any strategic advantages are to be won by an attacking force.

Near the coast is a third line between the mountains and the sea.

Brilliant Feats

Stories of brilliant feats of arms by Greek soldiers are beginning to reach Athens.

An entire division of Italian Alpine troops is reported to have been held up for many hours in the mountains by only three Greek companies.

Elsewhere, a Greek platoon, making clever use of the ground, routed two Italian companies.—Reuter.

Naval Bombardment

GREEK WARSHIPS JOINED IN BATTLE AGAINST ITALIAN LAND TROOPS WHEN THEY SHELLED ITALIAN ADVANCED POSITIONS ON THE GRECO-ALBANIAN BORDER EARLY YESTERDAY.

THE BOMBARDMENT, WHICH BEGAN AT 7 A.M. AND LASTED AN HOUR, WAS WATCHED BY A LARGE CROWD GATHERED ON CORFU.

THERE WAS NO SIGN OF ITALIAN WARSHIPS OR PLANES WHILE THE SHELLING PROCEEDED AND THERE IS NO NEWS OF ANY ANGLO-ITALIAN NAVAL BATTLE.—REUTER.

200 Bombs On Patras

The Greek port of Patras, where more than 100 were killed on Monday, has again been heavily attacked from the air.

A communique issued by the Ministry of Public Safety in Athens states that in two raids on Wednesday, damage was caused by

eight planes to a number of houses but only one person was injured.

It is reported that the 110 bodies hitherto recovered after Monday's bombing include those of a priest, a police official, 30 women and 45 children.

More than 200 bombs are said to have been dropped on Patras, destroying a large number of buildings, none of which could be described as a military objective.—Reuter.

Coastal Attack

The strongest point of the Italian attack is coming from Konispolis, on the coast opposite (Continued on Page 16)

TURKEY UNDER NO ILLUSION

Athens reports that the Soviet Union has promised to assist Turkey in the event of a German attack on the Dardanelles were ridiculed in Ankara yesterday.

The Turkish view apparently is that if the Soviet Union had felt strong enough to challenge Germany she would have prevented her establishing herself on the Black Sea coast.

According to reports reaching Ankara from Moscow, Soviet officials are already hinting that the Straits are of no great interest to the Soviet Union anyway.—Reuter.

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WENDELL WILLKIE ON

"WHEN I AM PRESIDENT"



Raiders may come and raiders may go, but acrobatic dancers are not deterred from rehearsing their act on the Dominion Theatre, high over London. Here Merton is seen taking a flying leap into Balliol's arms. (Copyright, Fox).

Axis Manoeuvres To Find Out British Plans

IN THEIR ATTEMPTS to goad Britain into revealing her movements and the extent of her aid to Greece, the Axis Powers are busy putting out all sorts of stories, saying one minute that Britain has abandoned Greece and the next that strong forces of British planes are expected there at any moment.

Neither manoeuvre is tricking Britain into disclosing her plans. Britain is keeping to her pledge to give all aid possible to Greece, but she has no intention of telling the enemy the manner in which it will be rendered.

The Greek Government is in full possession of the true facts. Nazi propaganda is also in favour of a patched-up peace, hoping that by this means the Axis Powers will gain their ends in the Middle East theatre without having to fight.

Berlin plans call for Greece to abandon her resistance, and the Nazis hope to achieve this by giving the Greeks all sorts of promises and assurances, after which they will proclaim that Greece has "discovered the illusory nature of British help" and has preferred to throw in her lot with the Axis in the "New Order."

Although this achieved some success in France, it is regarded scornfully in Athens, where it is pointed out that the Greeks have not been defeated yet, and that even if they are overwhelmed by sheer weight of numbers and arms Greece will never capitulate but will fight to the end in the confidence of ultimate victory. — Reuter.

VON PAPEN LEAVES ISTANBUL

Fritz von Papen, Nazi Minister to Turkey, has left Istanbul for Berlin, where he is to talk to Dr. Goebbels. — Reuter.

THREE-TIER BUNKS IN THE TUBES

FURTHER STEPS ARE BEING TAKEN TO INCREASE AIR-RAID SHELTER ACCOMMODATION IN LONDON'S "TUBES" AND TO MAKE IT EASIER FOR PEOPLE TO GO TO AND FROM WORK.

On Monday next, express buses, stopping at only two intermediate points, will be run to the suburbs on 10 extra routes.

Buses lent by the provinces and Scotland to the L.P.T.B. already number over 400 and more are coming to help the Green Line country coach routes and other auxiliary services.

Bunks in three tiers are being put in Tube stations, increasing the accommodation and also leaving more space for people taking temporary shelter while passing the stations. Some of the shelters already have refreshment canteens and these will be expanded. A total staff of 1,000 will be need to run the canteens. — Reuter.

Roosevelt Accused Of Appeasement

AN ALLEGATION that President Roosevelt had been trying to "appease" the totalitarian powers was made by Mr. Wendell Willkie, Republican Presidential candidate, in a campaign speech at Baltimore, Maryland, yesterday.

Mr. Willkie promised to work for "the maintenance of peace in the Western Hemisphere," but said he would not stand for a policy of appeasement.

He contended the Roosevelt Administration had been "helping those very nations which the third-term candidate says should be quarantined."

Citing the recent release of a shipment of machine-tools to Russia, "the ally of Germany," Mr. Willkie added: "This is no way to protect ourselves. As President I won't help to mechanise the Red Army so it can carry out its purposes. 'We shall feel well content to mechanise the army of the United States.'"

Mr. Willkie said appeasement was the surest way to war. — Reuter.

JAPANESE BLAZE RETREAT

IN THEIR RETREAT FROM NANNING TO THE FRENCH INDO-CHINA BORDER NEAR THE COAST, THE JAPANESE FORCES LEFT A BLAZING TRAIL OF DESTRUCTION.

They set fire to each village and town they passed through.

The first Chinese forces to reach Nanning found the city in flames, but last night's reports from Kunning stated that the fires have now been extinguished.

Civilian officials have arrived in Nanning. — Our Own Correspondent.

NO LIGHT ON GIBRALTAR INCIDENT

No further light has yet been shed by the British authorities as to the actual nature of the attempt by Italian officers to torpedo ships in Gibraltar harbour with a "special device."

One torpedo exploded harmlessly in the harbour while the other ran ashore in Spanish territory and has now been taken to Cadiz.

Naval observers in London recall that in the last war the Italians used a sort of "sea-tank" or miniature motor torpedo-boat which could climb over obstructions at the entrances to harbours, and also a sort of raft with which men could swim into harbours to fix mines to ships.

In 1916, a "sea-tank" was discovered and had to be sunk, but two Italian officers used a raft to get into an important harbour and blow up an Austrian warship. — Reuter.

LINLITHGOW TO REMAIN AS VICEROY

Lord Linlithgow's term of office as Viceroy of India has been extended for a further period of a year, from April, 1941, it was announced in London yesterday. — Reuter.

GREEK PEOPLE RALLY ROUND

OFFERS OF AID FROM WEALTHY GREEKS ARE POURING INTO GOVERNMENT OFFICES IN ATHENS; ONE WOMAN SHIP-OWNER HAS WRITTEN TO GENERAL METAXAS, THE PREMIER, PLACING THREE VESSELS AT THE DISPOSAL OF THE NATION.

A Greek family living in London has cabled £5,000 as a contribution to the air force, and many public and private bodies in Greece have remitted large sums for the same purpose. — Reuter.

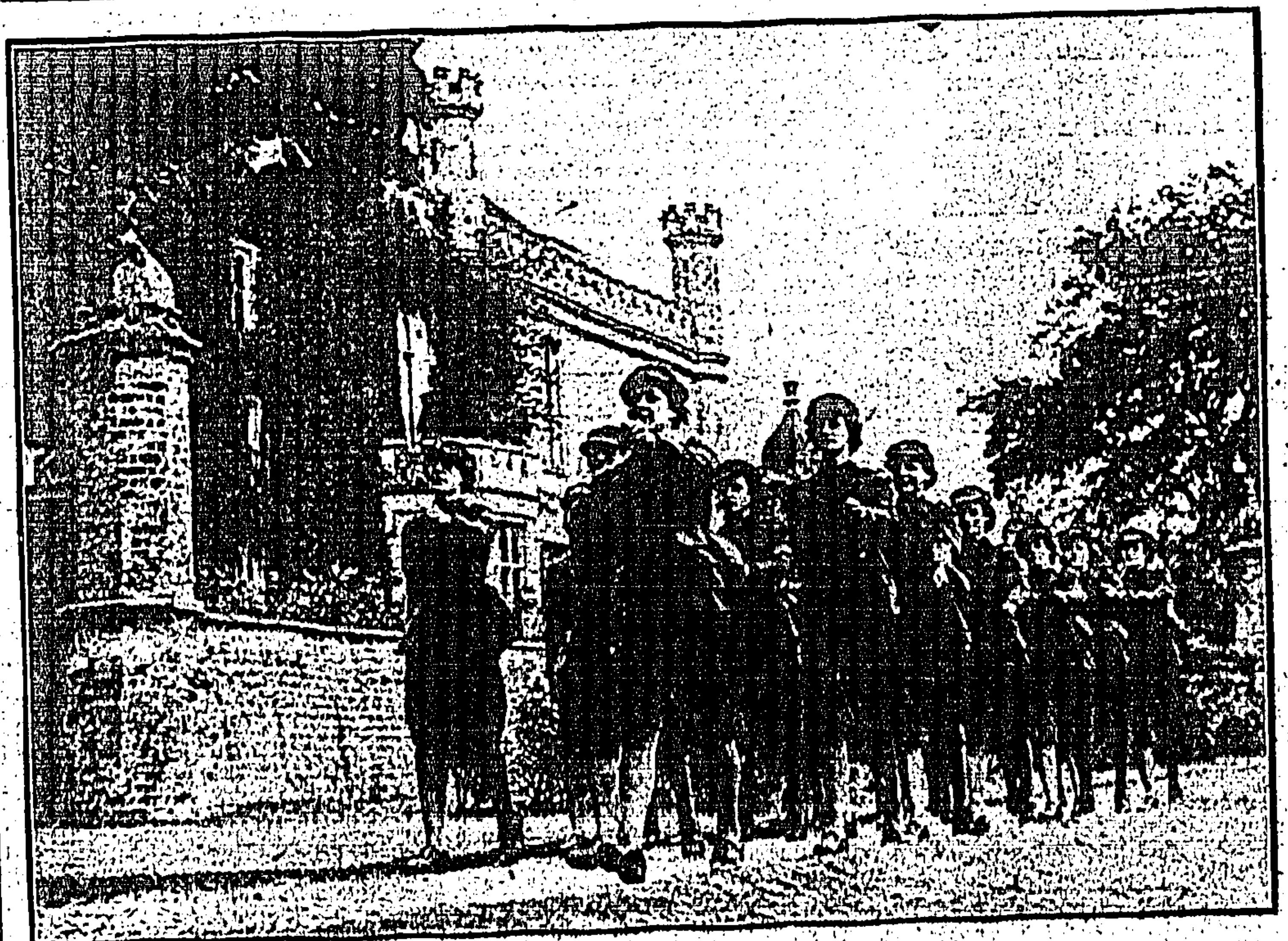
SOMALILAND BASES RAIDED

South African aircraft attacked the military camp at Ferrandi, Italian Somaliland, on October 29, it was announced in Nairobi yesterday. Bombs were dropped among buildings in the target area.

Other units of the South African Air Force carried out reconnaissance flights; all returned safely. — Reuter.

LORD GORT'S VISIT TO ICELAND

Viscount Gort, Inspector-General to the Forces for Training, has returned to England after a fortnight's visit to the troops in Iceland, according to a War Office announcement in London yesterday. — Reuter.



Ketteringham Park, the Norfolk home of Sir Raymond and Lady Boleau, is now a training "camp" for girls of the women's Transport Service (the F.A.N.Y.). Lady Boleau, who is Ethel Boleau, the novelist, is an officer of the corps and she runs her house as a training centre where twenty girls at a time take a course which lasts a fortnight. A recent batch of trainees included Mrs. Richard Tauber, a recruit who transferred from a now but similar organisation, the Mechanised Transport Corps. Photo shows the beautiful house forming a striking background to some of the girls on the march. (Copyright, Fox).

Holland Intended For Absorption Into Reich

EARL BROWDER'S WIFE TO BE DEPORTED

The U.S. Department of Justice yesterday ordered the deportation to Russia of Mrs. Raissa Berkman Browder, wife of Earl Browder, the communist leader, on the ground she entered the United States illegally.

The Browders were married in Moscow in 1926.—Reuter.

CANADIAN 'PLANES FOR BRITAIN

Canada will be able to ship complete aeroplanes to Great Britain within a few months.

Hitherto Canadian companies have only built aircraft frames, engines being installed in British plants. Now, engines will be built in the Dominion so that the Canadian defence forces will not be so dependent on supplies from Britain and the United States.

Negotiations are now under way with a British firm to obtain patents and plans. British craftsmen will be sent to Canada to supervise the construction of plant.

While normally it would require two years before the first units could be produced on a mass production basis, it is estimated that, with the help of skilled British craftsmen, Canadian production will begin within a few months.

About 11,000 persons are now employed in the Canadian aircraft industry—an increase of roughly 40 per cent during the last three months.—Reuter.

POLISH-CZECH COOPERATION URGED

CLOSE COOPERATION BETWEEN THE POLISH AND CZECHOSLOVAK PEOPLES "WHO ARE IN THE SAME ARENA FIGHTING FOR GOD AGAINST THE DEVIL" WAS URGED BY M. JAN MASARYK, CZECHOSLOVAK MINISTER IN LONDON, IN A SPEECH TO THE NEW EUROPE CIRCLE IN LONDON YESTERDAY.

M. Masaryk said: "We are not doing any sabotage for the simple reason that we would be massacred but the wheels of Skoda do not revolve quite as quickly as they did two years ago and things do not come out as beautifully finished as they did."

M. Masaryk added they were fighting Laval just as much as Hitler and it was a terrible idea that the soul of France was going to be chained to Hitler's applecart.—Reuter.

HOLLAND HAS BEEN converted into a Fascist totalitarian State on true Nazi lines, stated the Dutch newspaper "Vrij Nederland" ("Free Holland"), published in London, yesterday.

Describing the system introduced by the Germans the newspaper says: "The country's national administration has been centralised by the German Governor, Seyss-Inquart, and placed in the hands of four Germans, each administering several Ministerial departments and accountable only to Seyss-Inquart himself.

"Replacement of burgomasters by Germans is proceeding methodically and Seyss-Inquart has reorganised the conditions under which State officials are appointed in furtherance of the efforts to consolidate the German occupation."

"He also has power to appoint and dismiss all Government, Civil Servants, railway, banking and judicial authorities and mayors.

"The distribution of news to the Dutch people is also cut to totalitarian pattern."

Never Jam To-day

The newspaper adds: "Dutch annoyance is growing and has been increased by the fact that the Germans have not succeeded, despite their promises, in bringing 'jam to-morrow' into being.

"On the contrary, the standard of living in the Netherlands is rapidly getting lower, rationing of food, clothes, petrol and other important supplies being extremely severe."—Reuter.

CAPTURE OF GREEK SHIP CLAIMED

The Greek steamer Attica (1,400 tons) has been captured by the Italians, stated the German radio yesterday. The steamer was en route from America to Greece with a mixed cargo of oil, copper, types and glycerine.—Reuter.

COAL WILL SOLVE OUR OIL PROBLEM

While R.A.F. bombers are smashing up Germany's synthetic oil plants, Britain is getting down to the job of increasing the yield of home-produced fuel from coal.

Recommendations made by the Ridley Committee are now in the hands of the Secretary for Mines, Mr. D. R. Grenfell, himself an untiring advocate of plans for extracting oil from coal.

As an immediate war measure, he has addressed an appeal to the gas and coke industry to increase its recovery of benzole from coke by making existing recovery equipment more efficient; by expediting the installation of equipment already on order; and by putting in such equipment where none now exists.

Gas works and coke ovens are already expected to recover 15,000,000 gallons more crude benzole in 1940 as compared with 1938, and by voluntary effort alone Mr. Grenfell believes that this quantity can be increased again by another 12,000,000 gallons.

Tuolene, used for high explosives such as TNT, is another by-product of coal, made by processing coke, whose production will be increased.

Plans are in hand, too, for increasing the number of vehicles using producer-gas and gas-bags.

Gas Trailers

At the moment between 500 1,000 heavy vehicles, including buses, are equipped with producer-gas trailers. On an average

CANADIAN WAR CONTRACTS

New contracts for war supplies totalling 2,280 and representing an average of one contract every 70 seconds during each working day, were placed in the first week of October by the Ministry of Munitions.

This was the largest number of contracts placed in any week since the war began.

These facts were given by the Canadian Minister of Munitions and Supply in Ottawa yesterday.

He further stated that three times as many contracts had been placed in six months since the Ministry took over the work of the War Supply Board, compared with the previous nine months.

Orders for Canadian account total 86 and £750,000 plus nearly £30,000,000 for British account.—Reuter.

each vehicle saves nearly 2,000 gallons of petrol a year.

More than a thousand cars carry their own gas-bags for fuel, and they will become a more common sight in the near future.

In addition to the Ridley Committee, five other committees are at work studying various technical methods by which home-produced fuels can be made to take the place of imported oils.

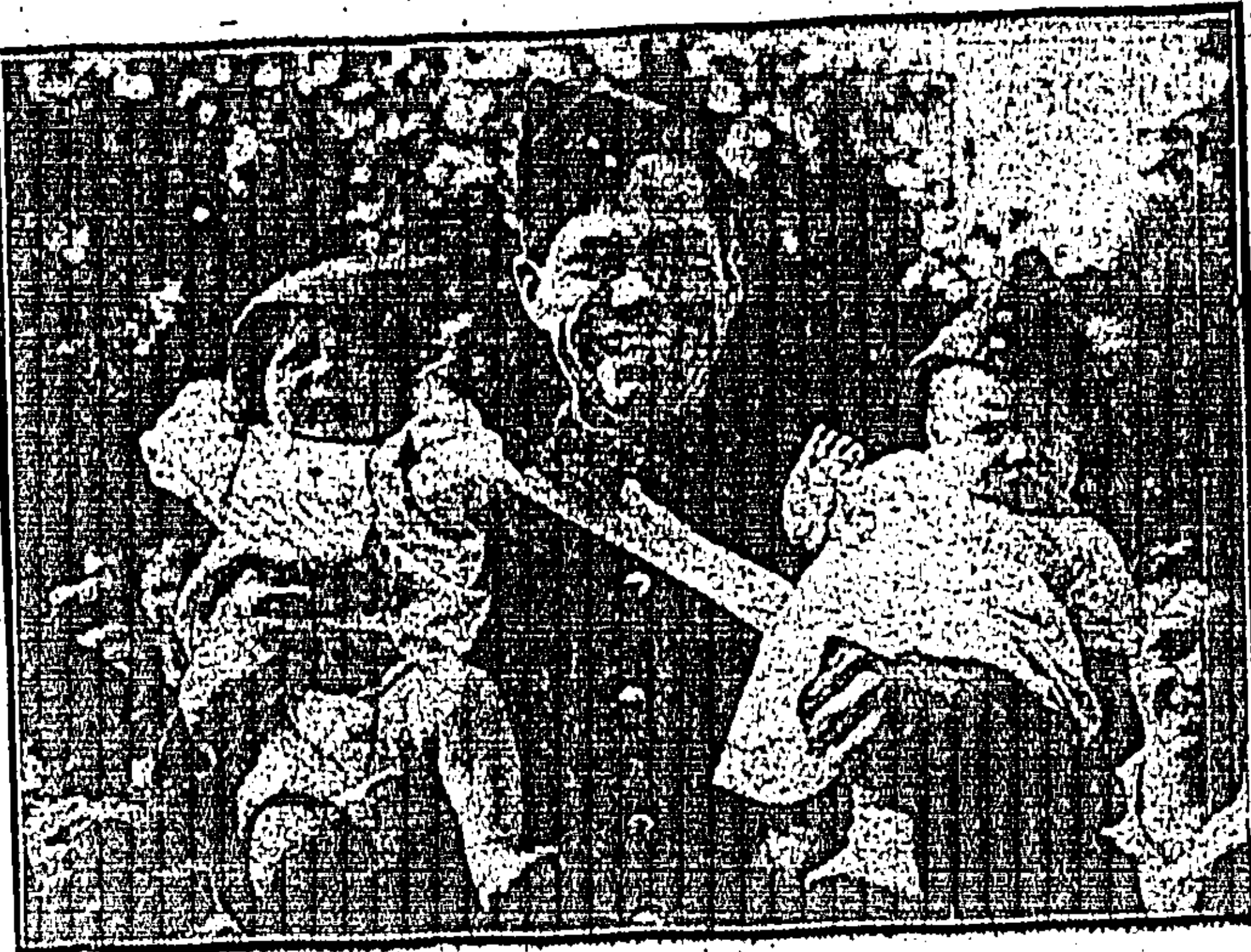
Report Soon

They are to report soon to an advisory board set up by the Mines Department since the war and consisting of representatives of industry, finance and science.

An authoritative survey shows that the home production of tar, creosote and pitch, all coal by-products from which motor spirit and oil can be extracted, can take the place of imported fuel oil and bitumen to the extent of 300,000 tons in the current year.

It has been estimated by experts that British coal could be made to yield 99,000,000 gallons per annum if planned use were made of the processes already known to technical science.

Germany and Italy have a large number of synthetic oil plants. Even Russia, which is the second oil producer in the world, thinks it necessary to augment her natural flow by extracting oil from coal.



A feature of a Fete arranged by Air Cadets at Bedford, was a baby show. Photo shows one of the young lads in blue with two of the competitors. (Copyright, Fox).

PURCHASE OF SHIPS IN AMERICA

THE FACT THAT THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT HAS ORDERED A LARGE NUMBER OF FREIGHTERS FROM THE UNITED STATES WAS DISCLOSED IN WASHINGTON BY MR. HENRY MORGENTHAU, SECRETARY OF TREASURY.

Mr. Morgenthau said he did not know whether the orders involved the construction of a new shipyard in the United States for exclusive British use and declined to give details beyond saying the British had ordered a large number of one standard type freight ship.—Reuter.

Mr. Purvis, head of the British Purchasing Mission, explained in Washington yesterday he was trying especially to buy 10,000-ton cargo vessels.

The number to be purchased would depend largely on the number available. Some might be purchased in Canada but the bulk of the business is expected to go to American shipyards.—Reuter.

FIRMER TREND ON STOCK MARKET

Business on the London Stock Exchange yesterday was small and mainly confined to investment issues. Nevertheless the trend generally was firmer. Gilt-edged and some railways appreciated. Affairs improved on local support. Oils were better after early hesitancy. Movements of industrials were few but generally in holders' favour. Wall Street was firm.—Reuter.

BELGIAN ENVOY TOLD TO DEPART

The Belgian Ambassador to Spain left that country yesterday at the request of the Spanish Government.

His "personal attitude before and during the war" is given as the reason for the Spanish Government's request.—Reuter.

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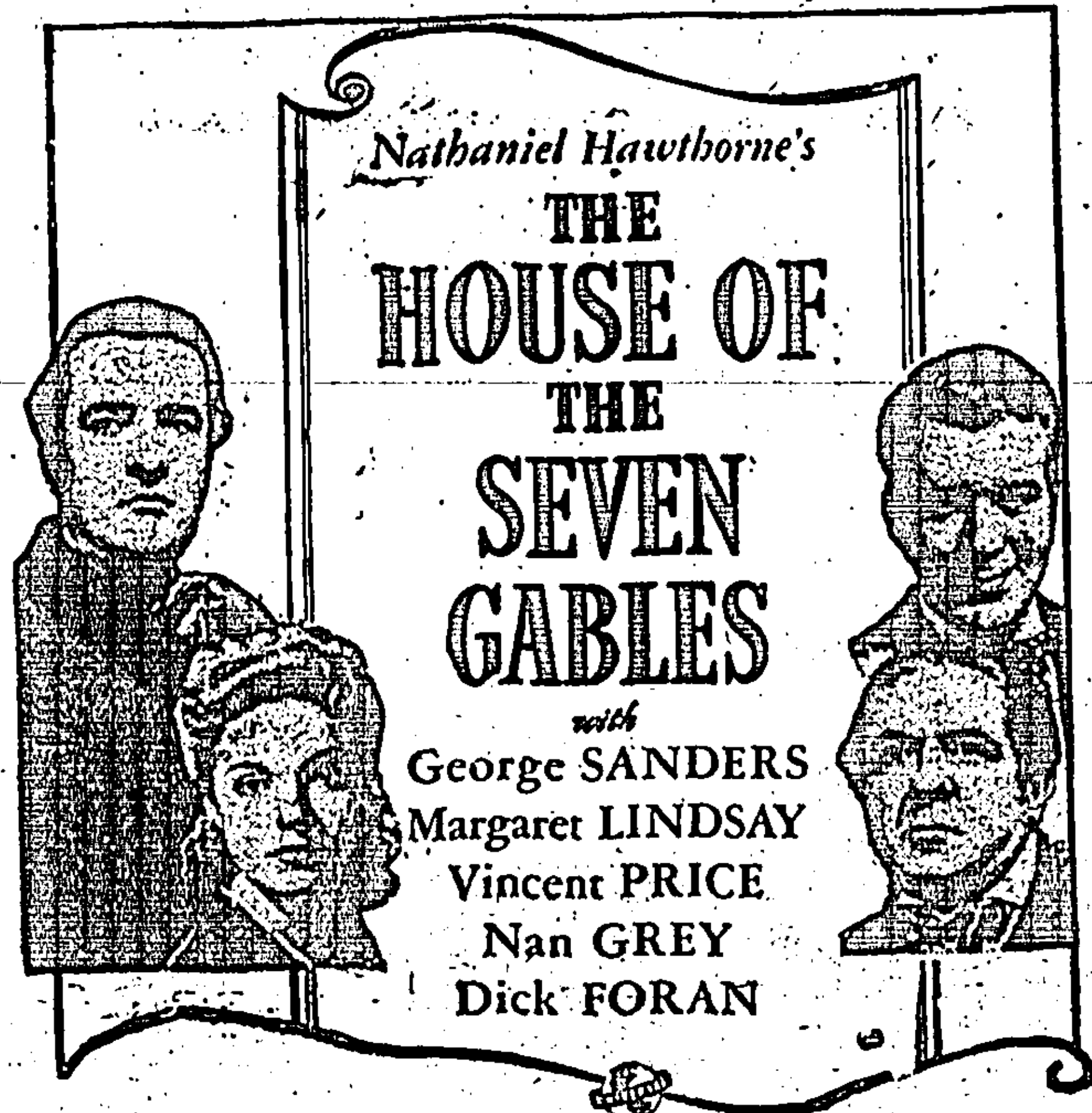
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BRITAIN ASKS U.S. FOR 3,000 WARPLANES EACH MONTH

THE UNITED STATES at present is sending Britain between 250 and 300 planes a month, it was estimated in Washington yesterday, and with every effort being made to speed up production, this figure should be steadily increased.

President Roosevelt's allusion in his speech at Boston to Britain's request for additional planes refers to the scheme broached by British purchasing officials to the Treasury some weeks ago, when they enquired if it would be possible for the United States to produce 3,000 planes a month for Britain.

Investigations showed this was hardly feasible and would require the establishment of nearly 40 new factories.

Estimates were given for the production of about 1,300 planes a month, and a new British order for 12,000 planes, including both fighters and bombers, followed.

Nobody can say when an output of 1,300 a month can be reached, since there are two serious bottlenecks in American industry, namely in the production of machine-tools and aero-engines.

Informed American sources, however, express the view that resort may again be made to the system of releasing to Britain planes ordered for the American air forces.—Reuter.

Fourth Programme

The new plan will be the fourth warplane building programme in the United States.

The others are 35,000 planes for the United States Army, already mostly contracted; the original British programme for 14,000 planes, and the new British order for 12,000 planes.—Reuter.

500 PLANES SENT IN OCTOBER

THE UNITED STATES SENT 500 MILITARY AIRCRAFT TO BRITAIN DURING OCTOBER, IT IS ANNOUNCED IN WASHINGTON. THE AVERAGE NUMBER IS EXPECTED TO BE INCREASED TO 800 BY DECEMBER.

Britain has ordered 14,000 military planes and wants a further 12,000.

President Roosevelt says that he has asked the Priorities Board to give this request their most sympathetic consideration.

The R.A.F., he says, is stronger to-day than it was three months ago, despite losses, and this is due partly to purchases from the United States.

Rapid progress is being made towards the goal of American aircraft production of 50,000 machines a year.—Reuter.

U.S. ENLISTS AID OF MOTOR INDUSTRY

The United States War Department is reported to have planned the production of 12,000 additional bombers, largely with the help of the motor-car industry.

This programme, estimated to cost US\$2,000,000,000, is stated to have been planned to produce the 12,000 bombers asked for by Britain.

It is believed the War Department proposes the erection of two large factories to assemble parts manufactured in motor-car factories.

Whether these will be operated by the Government or the aircraft or motor-car industry has not yet been decided.—Reuter.

NEW TRADE ROUTE IS VIA DESERT

Heavy transport lorries rumbling across the desert will help restore Britain's export trade to the Near East, affected by war conditions in the Mediterranean.

These lorries will make regular trips between Baghdad, in Persia, and Haifa, Palestine's Mediterranean port.

The route is via Ramadi. Rut

MR. WILLKIE LAVISH WITH PROMISES

Mr. Wendell Willkie, Republican Presidential candidate, in an election campaign speech at Wilmington, Delaware, yesterday, said that if he was elected, the British request for 12,000 planes "would be insignificant." He would cause production to be geared to new heights, he said.—Reuter.

bah Wells and thence alongside the oil pipe line from Irak to Haifa.

Regular direct sailings via the Cape will be made from British ports to Basra, in the Persian Gulf, from where the goods will be transferred by rail to Baghdad.

Within nine or ten weeks of leaving British ports the goods will be delivered in Palestine, Egypt and Syria, as the trans-desert route takes only two weeks.

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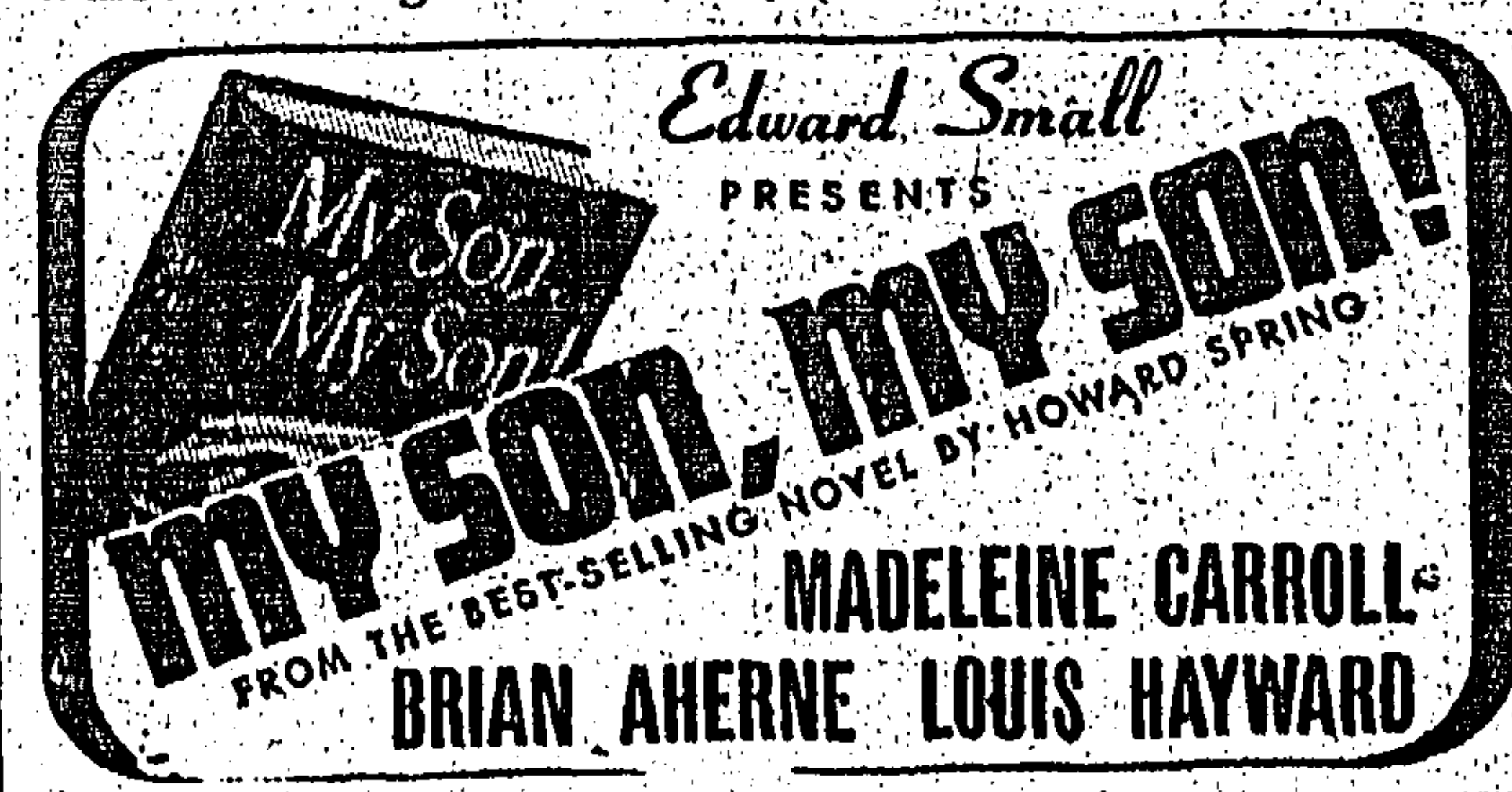


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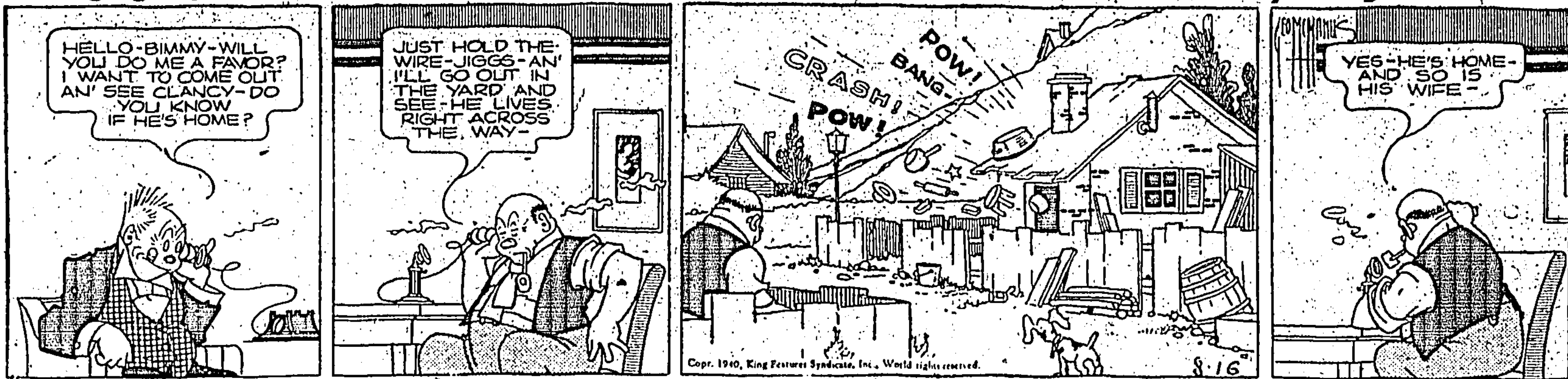
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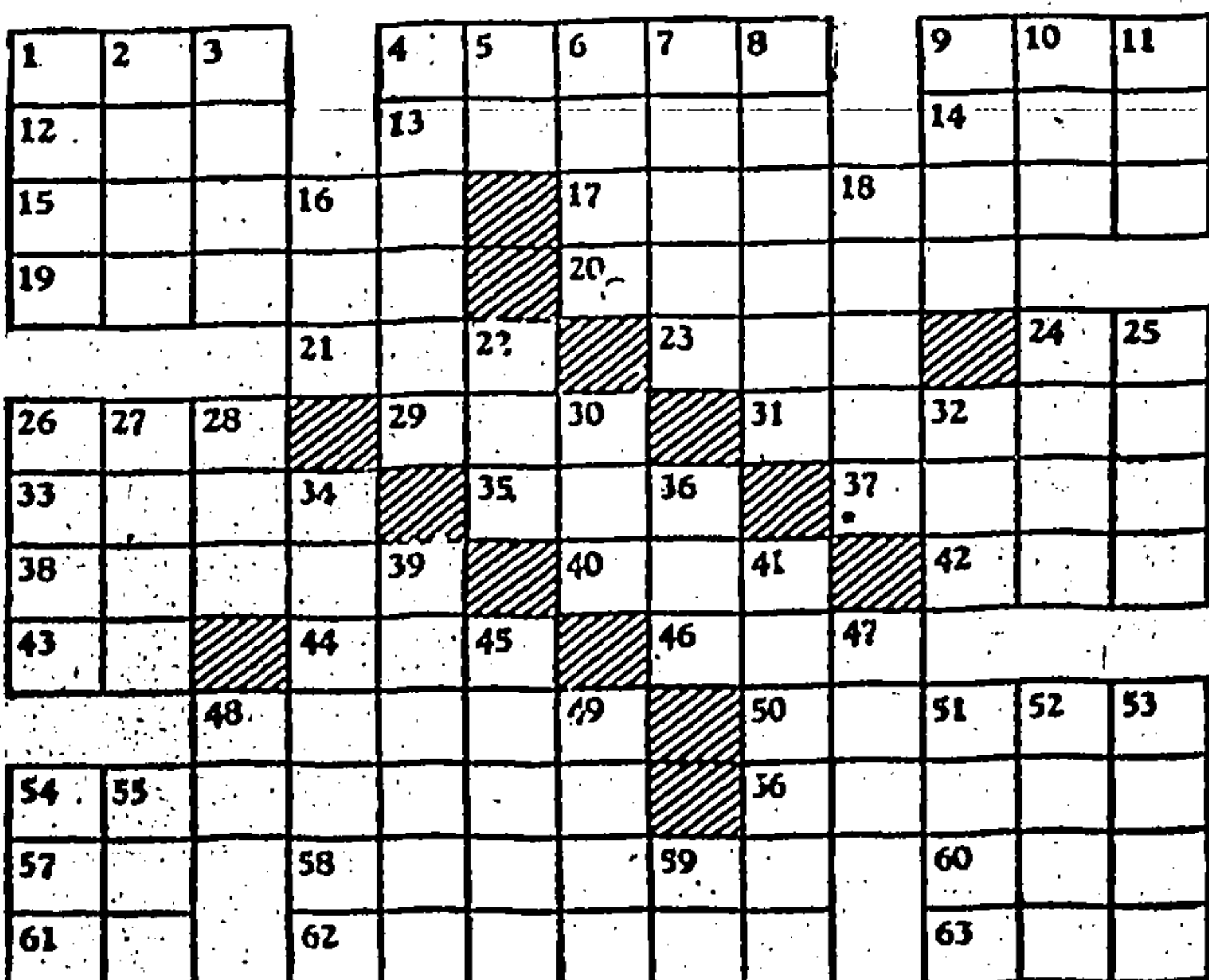
The U.S. Ambassador to Britain, Mr. Joseph Kennedy, may become head of the Defence Commission and "the Bernie Baruch of a new world war" if President Roosevelt is re-elected, it was suggested by two noted columnists in the New York "World-Telegram" yesterday. — Reuter.

ANOTHER SHANGHAI KIDNAPPING

Mr. C. C. Sun, 62-year-old manager of the Wei Chung Travel Agency, was kidnapped by three armed men from his office in Shanghai yesterday.

At about 8.30 a.m., the men entered the agency and compelled Sun to leave in a car.—Our Own Correspondent.

OUR 10-MINUTE CROSS-WORD



HORIZONTAL

- 1 Suitable
- 4 To harangue
- 9 Skilful
- 12 Girl's name
- 13 Nobleman
- 14 By way of
- 15 To grow taut
- 17 Accustoming
- 19 Trial
- 20 Ventured
- 21 Moisture
- 23 Meadow
- 24 Butterfly
- 28 Head
- 29 covering
- 31 To pay out
- 33 Aroma
- 35 Slang; automatic
- 37 Winter vehicle
- 38 Climbing plants
- 40 Negative
- 42 Roman bronze
- 43 French article
- 44 Plant juice
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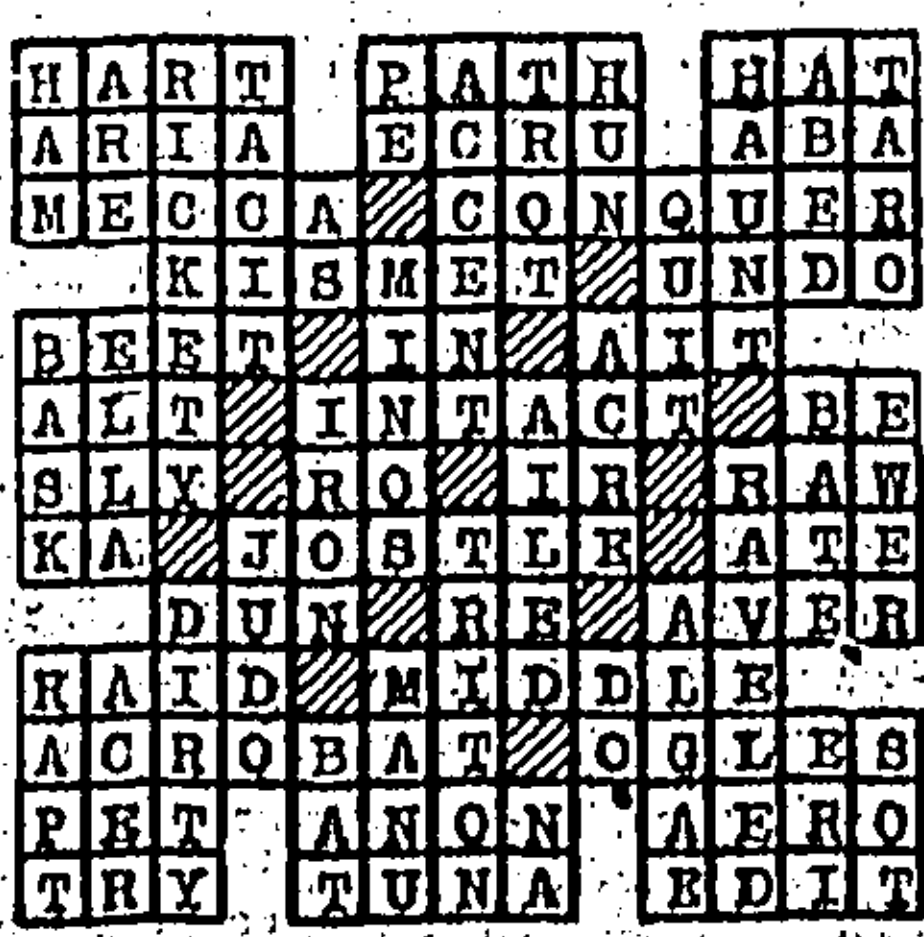
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YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION



HEAVY RAIDS ON NAZI PORTS

Many tons of high explosive bombs and hundreds of incendiaries were dropped on Wednesday night in the German-occupied ports of Flushing and Antwerp and on Emden, states the Air Ministry news service.

The attack on Flushing began in the early evening and lasted just over an hour. Several sticks of bombs were dropped on the Walcheren Canal and the inner and outer harbours, and though cloud and haze made it difficult to see the full results of the bombing, one huge fire was started between the two docks which was visible from 55 miles away.

At Antwerp, explosions and fires were reported in the harbour area.

At Emden, bursts were observed on the quays and in the harbour. One very bright fire was started and other fires were seen to spread rapidly.

One aircraft attacked a nearby railway junction where a large fire occurred. — Reuter.

BRUTAL CRIME IN ABERDEEN

The life of a nine-year-old Chinese girl was brutally sacrificed for a fowl and a cheap cotton-wool quilt by unknown robbers in Aberdeen yesterday.

The father of the girl, returning home from the Kennedy Town market at 9 a.m., was confronted with the lifeless body of his daughter lying on the bed.

He had left the house at 6 a.m. while the motherless girl was still sleeping.

The girl's legs and hands were tied with a rope which was also tightly twisted round her neck. It is believed that the girl was suffocated.

The house was apparently ransacked, drawers being opened and the contents strewn over the floor, but after an inspection, the father reported that only a fowl and a cheap cotton-wool quilt were missing.

The police are investigating.

NEHRU ARRESTED

Jawaharlal Nehru, one of the two men chosen by Mr. Gandhi to make anti-war speeches in India, was arrested at Allahabad last night, according to Delhi radio. — Reuter.

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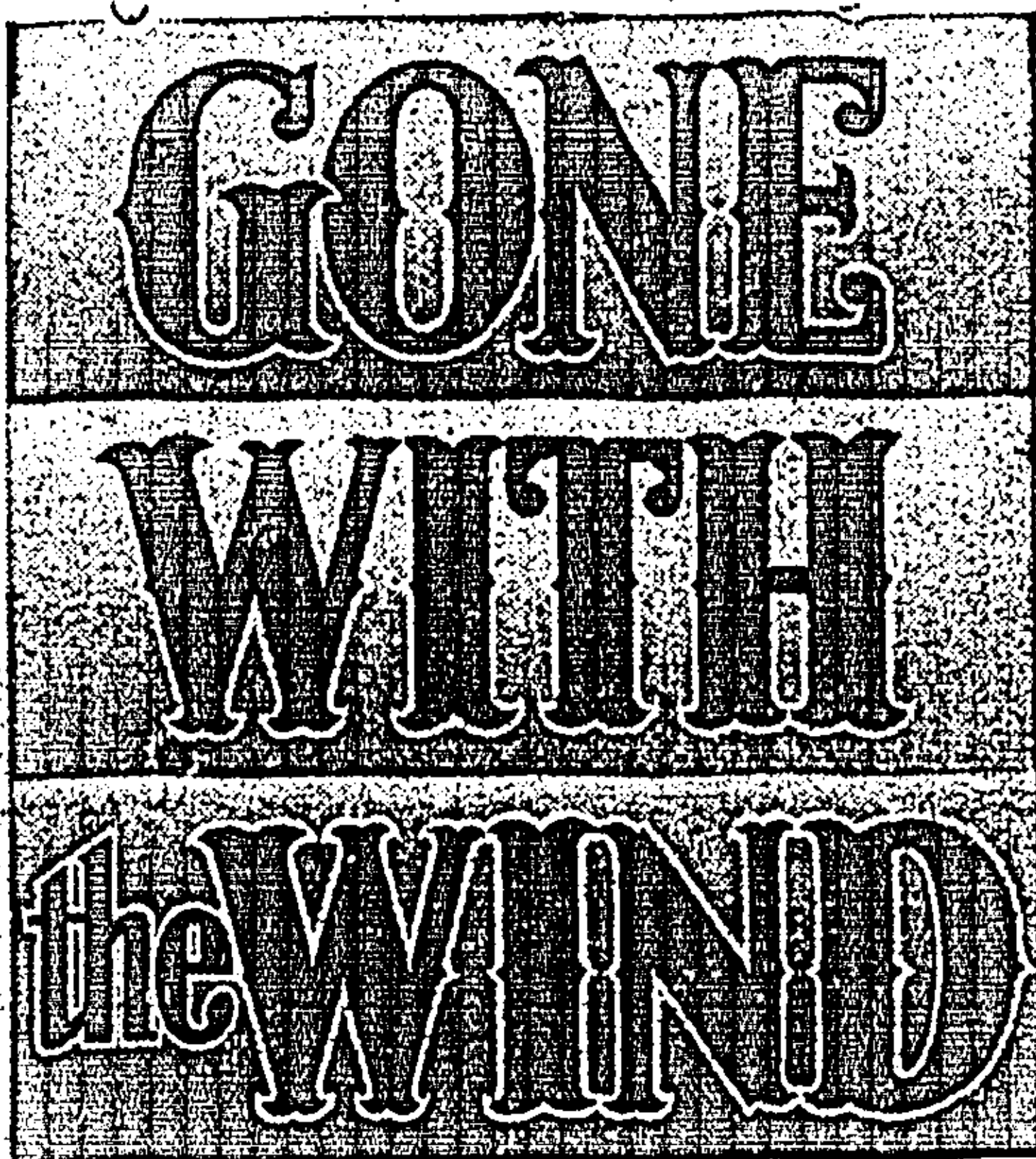
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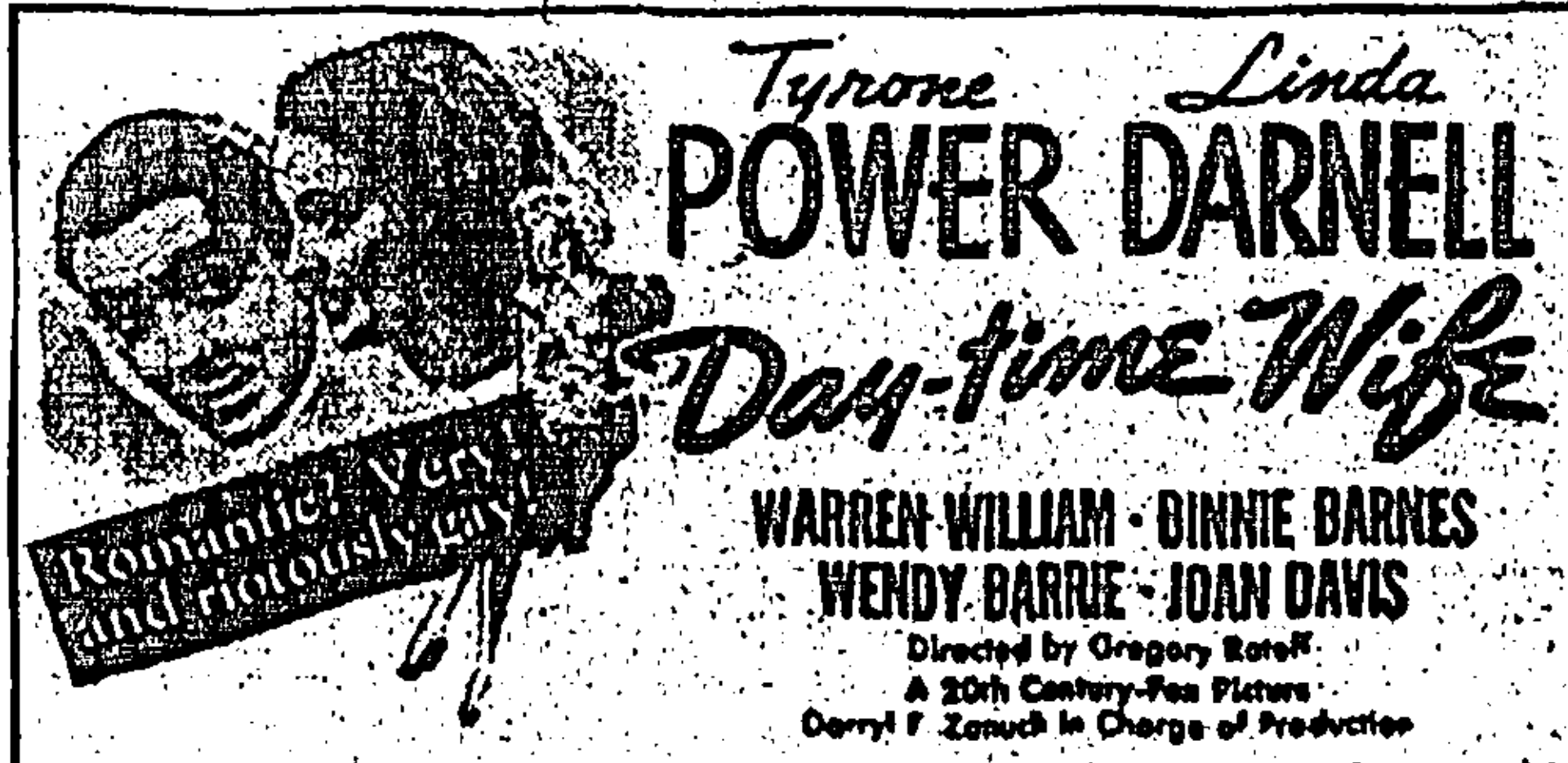
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HOW THE R. A. F. PLANS 1,000 MILE RAIDS

"OTHER AIRCRAFT bombed the naval base at Kiel and an oil refinery at Hanover, the power station at Zschornowitz, north of Leipzig, and a number of key points on the enemy's lines of communications in the Ruhr and North-Western Germany."

The Air Ministry's communique says just that. It says nothing of the courage and skill of the pilots and crews of the bombers which fly for long night hours over enemy territory, of the careful organisation and intense training which account for the deadly accuracy of our bombing.

Here I am going to tell the story behind one of those raids. You will see that there is nothing haphazard about a bombing attack — nothing of the It's-a-fine-night-let's-go-and-bomb-something attitude, writes Ronald Walker, "News Chronicle" Air Correspondent.

The story really starts at Bomber Command, where targets — oil refineries, railways, canals, docks — are allotted to the groups. The officer commanding each group in turn allots a main target, with possibly two alternatives, to each squadron.

Hazard Is Their Routine

In the evening pilots, observers, navigators, radio operators and gunners receive detailed instructions for the raid. They sit like boys in school, and many of them are little more than boys. They accept hazard and danger as routine.

Now the scene shifts to the crew rooms in the hangars. Navigators are working out their courses and collecting their instruments. Flying kit is put on. Radio operators pack their gadgets. Pilots confer with their navigators. Vacuum flasks of coffee, packets of sandwiches and chocolates are stuffed into pockets. Everyone puffs at a final cigarette.

Crews Are Merry Men

With shouts of laughter, the crews pile into the waiting motor trucks and are driven in the fading light to their aircraft waiting in the far corners of the flying field.

The Wing-Commander watches his boys take-off on a flight of over 1,000 miles, several hundred of them over Germany. Soon the concerted rumble of all engines is reverberating against the doors of the big hangars.

One by one the heavily-loaded machines lift gradually into the air.

By midnight the people in the operations room are at the ready. On the table is a huge map of the north-western part of Europe.

Strong lights wink back from the shining head of a brass pin stuck in Germany. That is the target. The first bomber is due over it at 0115. It is now 2345. Somewhere hundreds of miles away nearly 20 bombers are flying steadily towards that brass pin, we hope.

Numbers That Tell The News

The clock hand reaches the quarter-past. The Wing-Commander lights another cigarette

and remarks that the sergeant-pilot of "B" aircraft is a first-class type. A minute or two later the signals officers pop out and hands over a message form bearing a series of numbers.

It means that "B" aircraft has reached the target and has bombed it. The Wing-Commander smiles and the operations officer, on a blackboard listing the raiders, scores a red chalk mark against "B" machine. Farther down, the return of "T" from the Dutch coast, owing to engine trouble, is noted.

One by one the bombers send back news that they have bombed the target. More chalk scores.

"P" aircraft then says it has been hit by anti-aircraft fire: undercarriage damaged; crash party to be ready when he lands.

Another message: S. O. S. from "G." Engine failure due to Ack Ack fire. Now over Holland.

Half an hour later "G" becomes silent. So against "G" the S. O. S. and the time are marked on the board.

All Are Homeward Bound

Nothing has been heard of several machines. Others are beginning to ask for position as they near home. At last all are known to be homeward bound except "G." The Wing-Commander supposes the crew must either have baled out over Holland or landed there.

Dawn has not yet broken when the sound of the engines of the first machine back are picked up. A line of lights springs up suddenly across the aerodrome.

At intervals the bombers land. As "P" is signalled, the operations officer telephones: "Fire engine and ambulance cars ready." But "P" makes a perfect touch down. The Nazi shall not do so much damage after all.

Wary after nearly ten hours' flying pilots and crews come trooping into the operations room. To the intelligence officers they tell how they found the target and what resistance they met. They add news of the enemy ships seen in harbours, aerodromes being used, strange light signals seen, movement on canals.

The interrogation ended, they troop off to breakfast and bed. The raid is over.

ADEN--GATE OF THE RED SEA

The most serious factor in our evacuation of Somaliland is the loss of prestige we have sustained among the small nations of the Middle East, and particularly in those southern Arabian States that lie on the eastern side of the Red Sea, writes Major C. S. Jarvis.

In the Yemen the spread of Italian propaganda and influence has been very marked of recent years, but as an antidote to this one must remember that the relations between the reigning house of Yemen and King Abdul Aziz Ibn Saud of Saudi Arabia have never been very cordial, resulting in actual hostilities a few years ago, and any definite pro-Italian move on the part of the Yemen might possibly tilt the scales sufficiently to bring in Saudi Arabia on the opposite side.

The loss of this small colony is due, like so many other repercussions in the Orient, to the defection of the French, but this does not absolve us for our neglect in the past to enlist a sufficient force of Somalis to enable them to undertake the defence of their own country.

Policy

The men exist and are keen on military service, but it has always been our policy to refrain from militarising African races despite the fact that our nearest neighbour and potential enemy was raising a huge force of black soldiery in all her possessions. Nevertheless, but for the fact that we have lost a small Dependency, and with it "face" to a more or less recent comrade to Africa, Somaliland of itself is of little value to us.

It is a burning, barren land, and we held it solely to deny it to any Power who might possibly establish a naval base there and threaten Aden and the Red Sea maritime route. To Italy, who at the present time has very few ships in these waters, it is singularly useless, and may become something more of a burden than an acquisition.

During the last war, when Aden was subjected to an attack by a Turkish force coming from the interior, the tribesmen of the interior were, if anything, hostile to the British cause, but since those days much good work has been done by our administrators in the Dependency, and the situation is much improved.

Farther to the east in the more thickly populated Hadhramaut the "Ingrams influence" extends, for here Mr. Harold Ingrams, a recent Lawrence Medalist, has been working successfully for several years, and it would take considerably more than the loss of Somaliland to undermine his thorough spawdwork.

Little Chance Of Landing

Aden itself for a small port is adequately fortified, and it is difficult to envisage a successful landing here, or, in fact, any sort of landing unless Italy is in a position to obtain continued naval supremacy in the Red Sea, which at the present moment seems most unlikely.

Like so many other matters barred to us by the Censor, we are kept in ignorance of the extent of our forces stationed in Aden at the present time; but with Bombay less than 2,000 miles away we may take it that there is an adequate force from India and, unless the evacuated troops from Somaliland were sent to Kenya, they will be available also for the defence of the port.

The recent heavy bombardment of Bardia and Fort Capuzzo by our warships from Alexandria, besides destroying dumps of petrol, ammunition, and other supplies assembled for the invasion of Egypt, must have brought home to Marshal Graziani the part that an active and aggressive fleet can play on the flank of an advancing army committed to a coastal road.

Even a temporary dislocation to communications in an undertaking of this description may result not only in failure but in a disaster of the first magnitude.

CHINA MAIL
WINDSOR HOUSE

DUCE DESPERATE

The rift in the Axis lute, temporary and apparently overcome, is among the most significant developments of the past few weeks of tortuous Hitlerian diplomacy. In order to delude France into a course of action which would gain him strategic advantages, Hitler was prepared, on the surface, to give yet another display of his contempt for his Axis partner. On this occasion, however, Mussolini demurred, unmistakably, and the Fuehrer's rush trip to Florence was necessary to assure Il Duce that in the final double-cross, France would be the sufferer.

In the result, however, Hitler loses at both ends. The purpose of the Florence trip will not be lost upon the more intelligent minds at Vichy. Mussolini, with a long list of reasons for suspicion, will have had his doubts lulled but not eradicated.

Even during the months that Hitler's successes were dazzling and frightening Europe, some revelation of British power, some idea of the strength that the nation could put forth when organised and led with conviction, was provided in the successes of the Air Force and Royal Navy, and these kept Italy's leaders anxious against the time when Hitler would call upon Italy for action. When the signal did come, reluctance was overcome only by the clear opportunity for the stab in the back of France, and Hitler's assurances that the British Isles would be smashed within two months.

The attack upon Greece is, by and large, confirmatory of the conviction that Mussolini is fast losing confidence in himself and in Hitler's pictures of the Axis way to victory and the glory of force.

With his fleet unable to sail the sea he claimed as his own, his armies in Egypt stuck at Sidi Barrani, the totally unprovoked attack on Greece is readily explained as a desperate attempt to entice Britain into a division of her forces and to break the grip of the Navy on the Middle Mediterranean, which imperils the whole system of transport and supply between Italy and Libya.

The crude shamelessness of the attack, however, has merely added a determined people to the list of Italy's enemies and

In the second week of the German invasion on the Low Countries I left Belgium after having experienced some of the Nazi air raids, as well as their Fifth Column rumour-spreading activities. This activity was so intense that many people in Belgium, with whom I was in contact, actually believed the stories told about Great Britain being on the verge of collapse and her people starving. How entirely untrue were these lies about shortage and queues of depressed and anxious people in front of closed shops I have seen for myself during the two months and more that I have been in England.

I and my family have experienced no shortage of food or anything we wanted. With my knowledge of shipping matters, I know that stocks of raw materials

have now reached such a peak that the British Government has been able to establish free exports. This means that she will

By
B. MOLLER

be able to afford to pay for increased imports; in other words the whole world's output of arms,

of food and of all other commodities necessary to win the war are at Great Britain's disposal.

The Germans were boasting only a few weeks ago that British sea losses amounted to such a high tonnage total that she was actually blockaded and would in the near future be forced upon her knees by famine and want of raw materials. That was at the moment when the bulk of British Naval forces were distracted from the surveillance of sea

routes to the brilliantly executed evacuation of 335,000 troops from Dunkirk and, subsequently, to securing that the betrayed fleet of France should not be put to use against herself. Once those operations had been successfully carried out, the Navy went back to its daily task and recent merchant shipping losses show a decline of not far from fifty per cent. of what they were at their height.

But even when torpedoing was at its height, losses from this cause had only just attained the figure at which they stood when, after the heavy losses of the first months of "unlimited submarine warfare" in 1917, the British Government could declare that sinkings had been reduced to such an extent that the danger of being cut off was definitely under control.

Now, in spite of the losses by submarine, mines and air bombing the British merchant fleet is larger than in September of last year what with the Norwegian, Danish and Allied ships which are now cooperating with Great Britain under the protection of her fleet.

In effect, such is Britain's naval power that only 47 out of twenty-eight thousand ships in convoy have been sunk. On the other hand Great Britain's blockade of Germany and of all the occupied countries of Europe, by stopping their imports of South American cereals, coffee, etc. has plunged the Central Powers into the heaviest economic crisis they have ever faced.

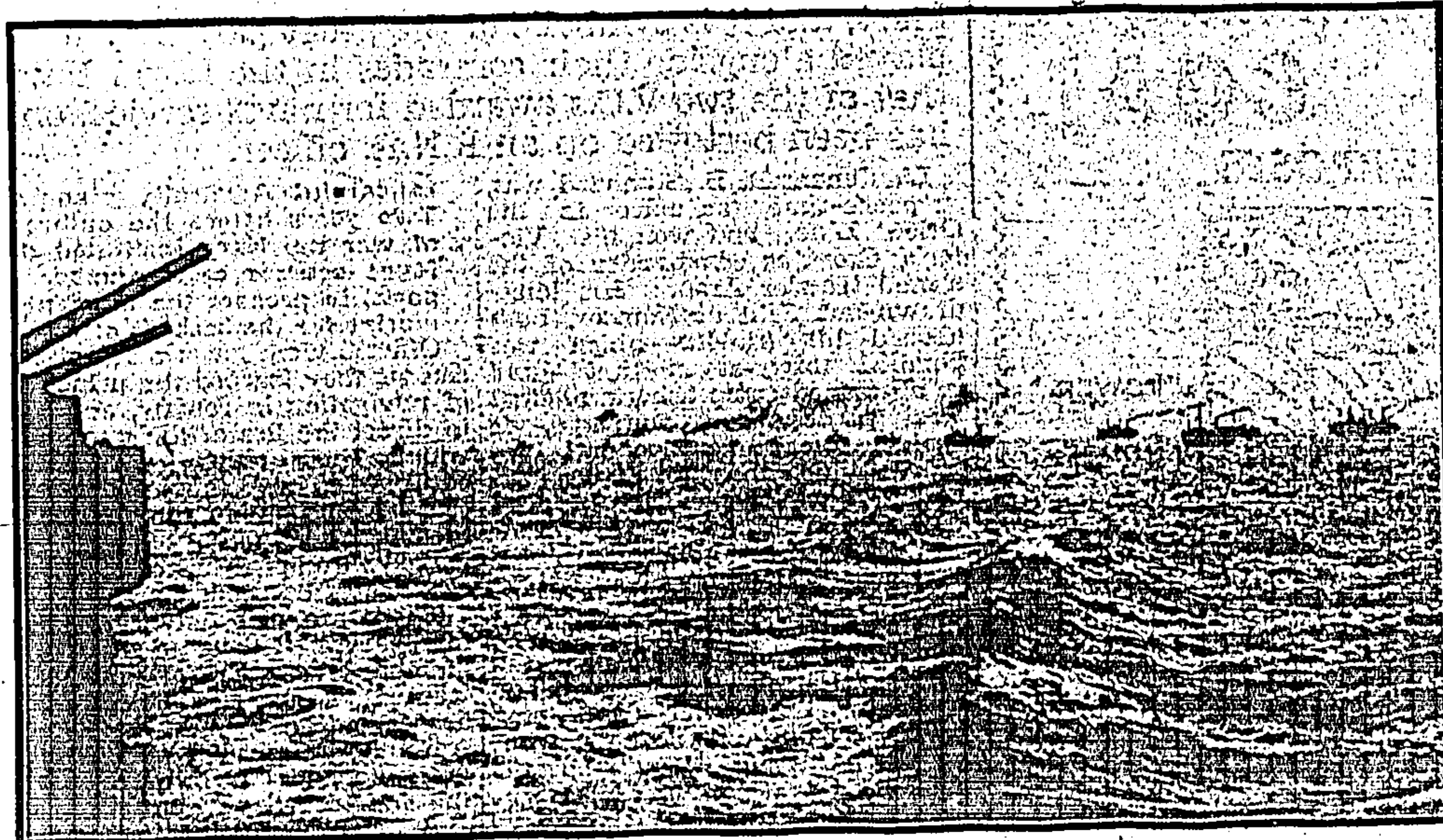
Under the very nose of the Germans at Cherbourg and Calais, British and Allied ships are daily sailing the Channel to London and other British ports. Food stocks in Britain are larger than they have ever been.

Long before the war, the German standard of living had been cut down to its lowest level and nothing more can be extorted from this source for the running of war. When the subdued peoples, when all Germany's neighbours to the South-East, North and West, have been forced to give up their stocks, to hand over their reserves, to work to the marrow of their bones for insatiable Nazidom, when they have been brought to starvation, nay when they are starving by millions—such as is already the case in Poland, and is imminent in Denmark—when they are themselves facing the fate they brought deliberately upon others, then the haughtiness of the "Herrenvolk" will give way and we shall see them as Brussels saw them in 1918, begging for mercy.

Danish seamen are eager to see this happen as soon as possible and are doing their share in bringing about the downfall of Nazi tyranny. They are willing to take their share in the strife, side by side with their brethren of the British Merchant Navy, by manning Danish ships as auxiliary cruisers, as mine-sweepers or in any other sphere where they can fight the common foe and help to restore the freedom of the world and of their own country, Denmark.

Not only spectacular heroism is needed. The war is not won only by sinking German submarines or bombing German aerodromes, but also by steady and silent work. Stokers, as well as the masters or the mess-boys—all are needed to keep up Britain's communications with the Empire and with the yet free countries abroad, the "lines behind the lines," which are not less necessary than the fighting squadrons themselves, in order to supply them with food, arms, munitions and last but not least with the moral support which gives the final victory.

It is certain that no Danish seaman, nor any other Dane worthy of the name, will take up work for Germany and help to prolong the war and the sufferings of his own country, of his dear ones at home.



Hitler's blockade of Britain is not too successful judging by this photograph. It shows a British warship keeping a watchful eye on the convoy as it passes up Channel on route for home ports—marking the end of another safe voyage thanks to the Royal Navy.

The Dodecanese Islands

By R. N. Rudmose
Brown

On its western edge the high plateau of Anatolia, in Asia Minor, which politically is the chief part of modern Turkey, breaks down into a series of long peninsulas extending into the Aegean Sea. Beyond to the west is the island-studded sea. The whole of this sea, its coasts and its islands, may be regarded as Grecian both linguistically and historically. The Aegean Sea is a Grecian lake. But it is also a highway, and from time to time other Powers have impinged on its borders. In the south-east, off the coast of Anatolia, a long festoon of islands called the Dodecanese is one of Italy's least-known overseas possessions. As the name implies, there are twelve main islands, but there are also many smaller islets in the group. From north to south the twelve main islands are Patmos, Leros, Kalymnos, Kos, Astypalea, Nisyros, Symi, Tilos, Chalki, Rhodes, Karpathos, and Kasos.

Italy has changed several of these names or modified their further complicated his problem of achieving a finally satisfactory solution.

Hitler's career of victory stands checked in Western Europe in its most confident and strident hour. When to escape from the mess, he is willing to attempt to rat on his closest political intimate, Mussolini, that worthy's mood—"as well be hung for a sheep as for a lamb"—can be understood if not condoned.

spelling, but she has been unable to change the Greek traditions of centuries, so the Greek names may well stand. Few of these islands are large; most are only ten to twenty square miles in area. Rhodes, with 545 square miles, is the largest; Kos, with 112 square miles, comes next. The total area of the group is only a little over 1,000 square miles. Several of the islands are lofty, rising to three or four thousand feet in gentle slopes, but there is flat land around many coasts. With varying structure, the islands have different values. Some are made of ancient crystalline rock and yield poor soil and are little cultivated except in the valleys. Others, built of limestone, tend to be arid in the modest rainfall of the Mediterranean climate, but others again, with newer clays or volcanic soils which hold the water, give abundant opportunities for cultivation. Thus there is a great variety of produce, though it is irregularly distributed. Barley and vines do well; the olive, almond, and fig, and even the date palm, are cultivated in places. There is a little tobacco and some vegetables. Goats thrive on the drier ground and sheep manage to survive; cattle are scarce, as always is the case in the Mediterranean, with its lack of summer verdure.

In view of the relatively limited food production the population is surprisingly large, rather over 140,000, who are nearly all Greeks, with a few Jews. There are said to be 12 per cent. of Italians apart

from armed forces. In addition to subsistence agriculture there are several other industries, of which sponge fishing is the most important. This has fallen from its old prosperity, probably because the introduction of diving dress, which temporarily increased the output, has depleted resources. Then, too, there is some octopus fishing, some silk manufacture, a little pottery-making and some wine manufacture, the last on volcanic soils which flavour the output. True to their age-long traditions, the outcome of circumstances, many of the inhabitants are town-dwellers, for the islands have had trading communities for many centuries. Rhodes, on the island of that name, has a population of 27,000, and Calio 15,000. Among the urban population Jews are numerous. Patmos is famed for the monastery, founded in the eleventh century, and Kos had an ancient city of fame.

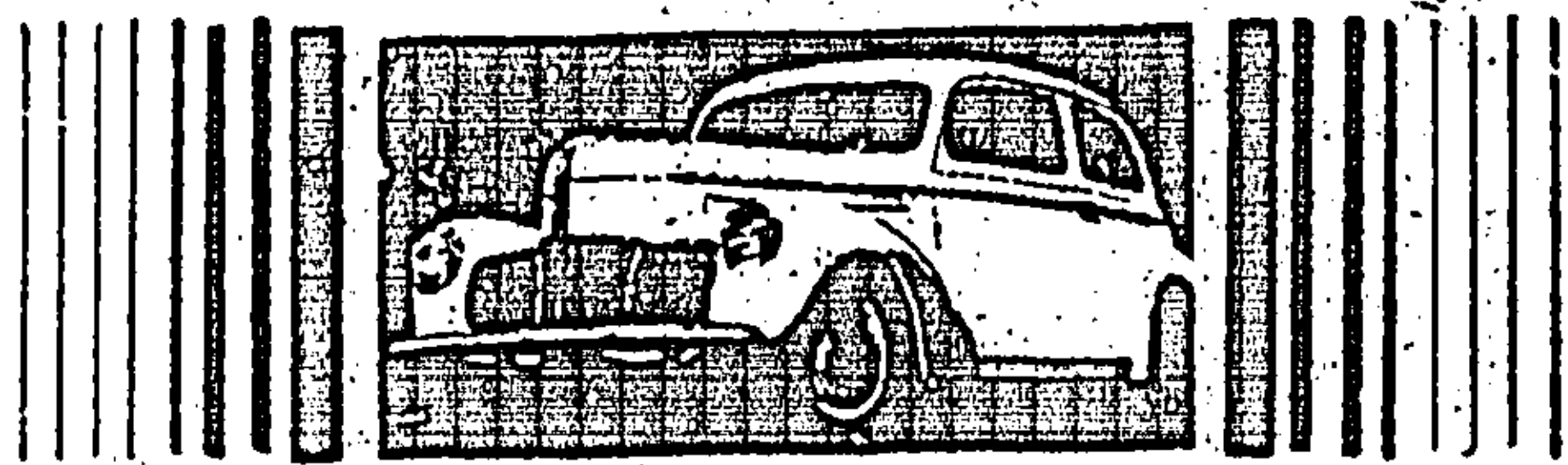
The islands have a long and varied history and were likely enough outposts of the Minoans in the declining years of their civilisation, but they have always been pre-eminently Greek. In 1308, however, Knights Hospitallers of St. John of Jerusalem installed themselves at Rhodes and claimed adjacent islands, which they held until dispossessed by the Turks in 1522. Under Turkish rule there was some prosperity and eventually a measure of autonomy, but the population fell in numbers. During the war with Turkey in 1912 Italy seized the islands, and she gained sovereignty over them in 1924, but Greece has never abandoned hope of regaining her rule over those outlying Greeks. The value of the islands as a naval base must not be overlooked. The harbours are small but good, and among the group a fleet might lurk. As a source of supplies, however, the islands could have little value. There are no railways, and only a few roads of value.

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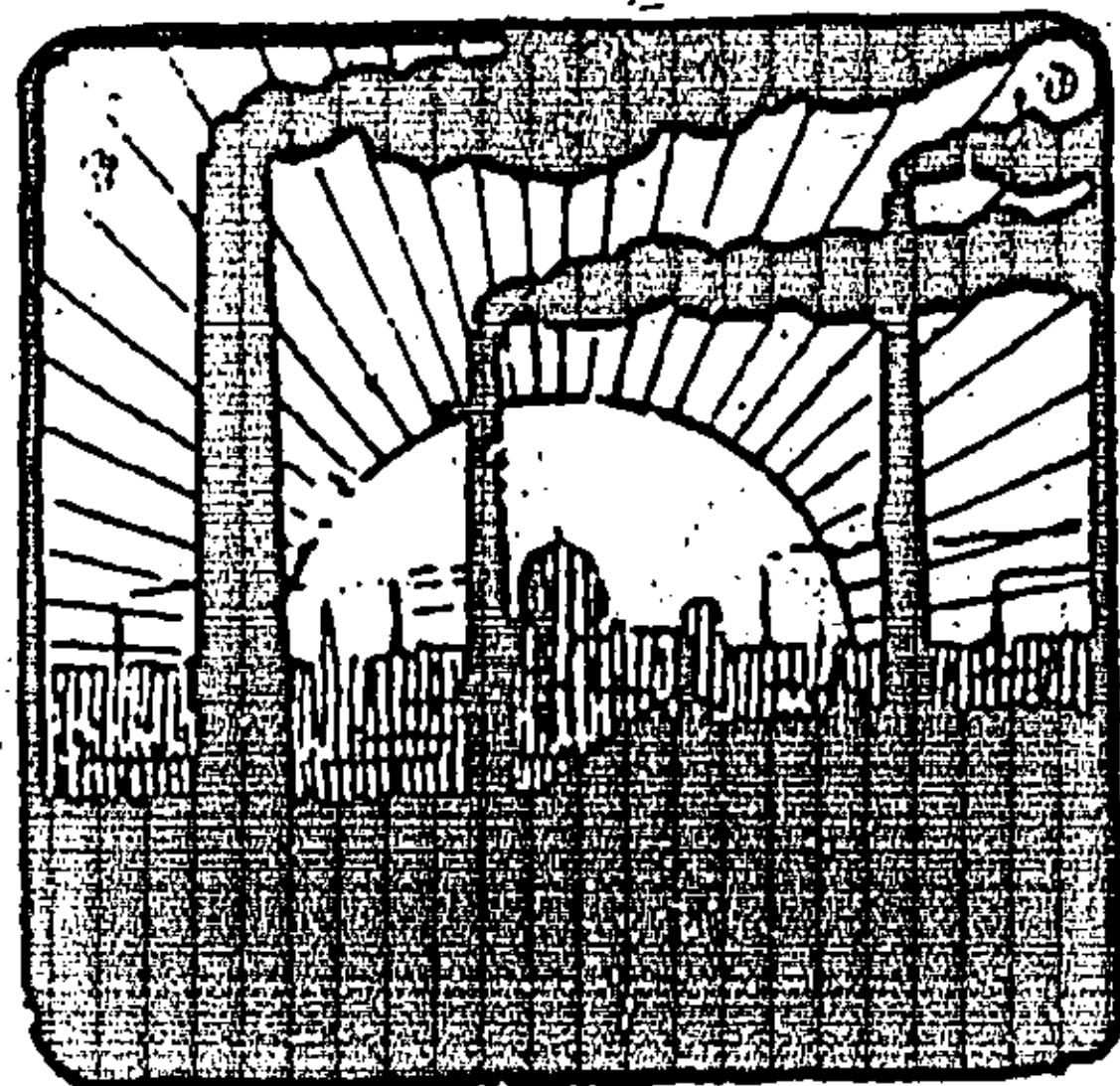
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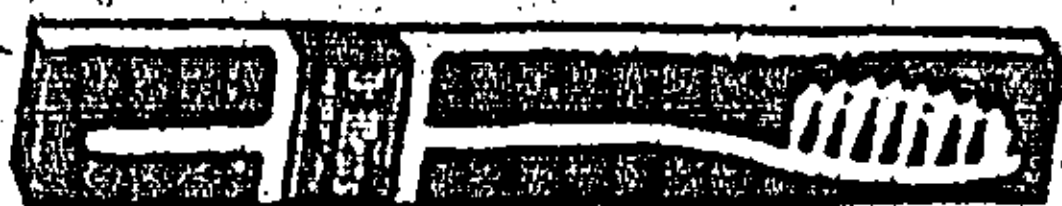
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Nevertheless, the Merchant Service has made a great contribution to naval strength. On the outbreak of war thousands of officers and men who were members of the Royal Naval Reserve joined the Fleet, and it is symbolic of the great part they have played alongside their comrades in the Royal Navy that of the two V.C.s awarded for naval service, one has been bestowed on an R.N.R. officer.

Lieutenant R. B. Stannard was, in peace-time, an officer in the Orient Line, and won his Victoria Cross as commander of the armed trawler Arab. His long-drawn-out fight at Namsos, both aboard his trawler—which was bombed thirty-seven times—and in an armed camp ashore, against Nazi planes and warships, is typical of the courage and resource which the men of the Red Ensign have brought to the service of the White Ensign.

Fishermen's R.N.R.

Further reinforcements came at the outbreak of war from the R.N.R. Patrol Service, drawn from the fishing fleets and employed on anti-submarine patrols.

The "Wavy Navy"—as the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve is nicknamed, from the wavy lines of gold braid that denote the rank of its officers—is not recruited from the mercantile marine. Its members were in peace-time engaged in shore occupations of every kind, with an inborn love of the sea as the common factor in turning them into spare-time sailors.

This also applies to the R.N.V. Wireless Reserve, drawn from nautically minded radio enthusiasts, and the R.N.V. Sick-Bay Reserve, composed largely of members of St. John Ambulance Brigades.

Armed Merchant
Cruisers

These additions to naval strength were all available when war was declared. Other reinforcements have since come from the merchant and fishing fleets for a host of duties, notably for service aboard armed merchant cruisers. In these many of the officers and the complete engine-room and catering staffs are the merchant service personnel who were serving in the ships in peace-time.

When the armed merchant cruiser Rawalpindi went down in the North Atlantic after a gallant fight with the pocket-battleship Deutschland and another German warship, twelve of the officers and more than eighty of the men lost in her—apart from the R.N.R. personnel—belonged to the merchant service.

In the third month of the war Germany launched her intensive attack on shipping by magnetic mines, and the patrol service was at once enlarged to meet this menace. For this the Admiralty called upon the men of the fishing fleet. Their answer has been magnificently effective—but the story of defence against mines is an epic that cannot be condensed into a few sentences.

Officers and men of the merchant service carried British Expeditionary Forces to France and Norway. The merchant service mans our hospital ships and military and naval store carriers.

Recently another job has been found for the mercantile marine—the handling of the balloon barrage at ports.

Learning To Hit Back

There is another direction in which the merchant navy has become a fighting service. Merchant ships are now armed against planes or submarines, and, in this limited and purely defensive sense the whole mercantile marine is now a fighting service.

Its power to hit back is owed

to careful Admiralty planning. Two years before the outbreak of war the Navy instituted defence courses at a number of ports, to prepare the mercantile marine for the hazards of war.

Officers were given a fortnight's course; they learned the principles of navigation in convoy, and how to direct the fire of the guns with which their ships would be equipped. These courses are continuing, and up to the middle of the month 12,000 officers had passed through them and received certificates of proficiency.

There are also defence courses for seamen, and up to date 8,300 merchant seamen have been trained as gunners. Their certificates entitle them to extra pay from the Admiralty, and there is great keenness to be enrolled for the fourteen-days' course.

Apart from these courses, every opportunity is taken when a ship is in port to give as many of the crew as possible practical instruction in the use of guns, smoke-floats, and automatic weapons.

The story of the S.S. Highlander, which at the beginning of August brought down an attacking German plane by machine-gun fire and sailed home triumphantly with the raider's wreckage piled on her poop, was a spectacular illustration of the value of this training.

The Poacher

On one memorable occasion the trained gunners of a merchant ship were baulked of their prey. It was at Dunkirk, and the gun-crew were preparing to beat off a vicious air attack, when a stoker who had come up on deck snatched up a Lewis gun and, with one glorious burst, brought down the German before the trained men could bring their gun into action.

It was discovered that the stoker had served as a Lewis gunner in the Army during the last war.

But the value of defensive training is manifest in less dramatic fashion. It has tamed the arrogance of the U-boat crews; no longer do they batter helpless coasters to destruction by gunfire at their leisure.

Once a submarine has been forced under water before launching its attack it has lost much of its deadliness, it is less easy to manoeuvre, and instead of using its guns it must rely on its torpedoes, of which it has only a limited supply.

(Continued from Next Col.)
guised as a Belgian peasant from far behind the German lines.

Lone Spitfire Attacks

Here are two other episodes from a day packed with incident: A section of Hurricanes attacked three Messerschmitts 110, shot down the lot, and carried on.

A Spitfire pilot, who had become separated from his formation saw 30 Heinkels 111, and went in to attack them. He set one on fire and hit two others.

Two Messerschmitts 110 then appeared on my tail," he says, "so I returned."

Three of the four enemy aircraft which were destroyed by the anti-aircraft gunners were shot down inside two minutes near the South-East Coast about mid-day. In the afternoon and at a different part of the coast the gunners added a fourth to their bag.



Burgess Meredith, who has a leading role in John Steinbeck's "Of Mice and Men," now at the King's Theatre.

POLES BAG
ENEMY
BOMBER AS
"PRACTICE"

What was meant to be an "exercise" flight by the R.A.F. second Polish squadron developed into a real fight—and ended in the shooting down of a German bomber in North London.

It was on August 20 that the first Polish squadron to go into action with the R.A.F. brought down their first Nazi.

A number of other Polish pilots flying as individual members of normal R.A.F. squadrons had already scored successes.

Now, the second Polish squadron to fly as a unit on its own has unexpectedly entered the picture.

Six of their Hurricanes took off from an R.A.F. station with the intention of taking part in an exercise with six Blenheim bombers from another station, says an Air Ministry bulletin.

They had no sooner made their rendezvous over a town on the north side of London than they saw what they described as "a very large enemy force" 7,000ft. above them.

Hit Ground—Exploded

Suddenly, one of the enemy, a Dornier, broke formation and dived below them.

One Polish pilot dived after him, while the other five remained as escorts to the Blenheims.

As the Dornier straightened out of its dive the Polish pilot closed and opened fire.

The Dornier burst into flames and plunged downwards, this time out of control. One of its crew baled out.

The Dornier hit the ground and exploded.

Having watched the Dornier to its end, the Polish pilot returned to his station, well satisfied with the result of the "exercise."

Bomber Destroyed

At almost exactly the same time three other Polish pilots took off with a British squadron to patrol the Thames Estuary.

The squadron met about 60 Heinkels and Dorniers flying in three formations about 200 yards apart and protected by large numbers of Messerschmitts 110.

Before the Messerschmitts had a chance to intervene the Hurricanes had attacked.

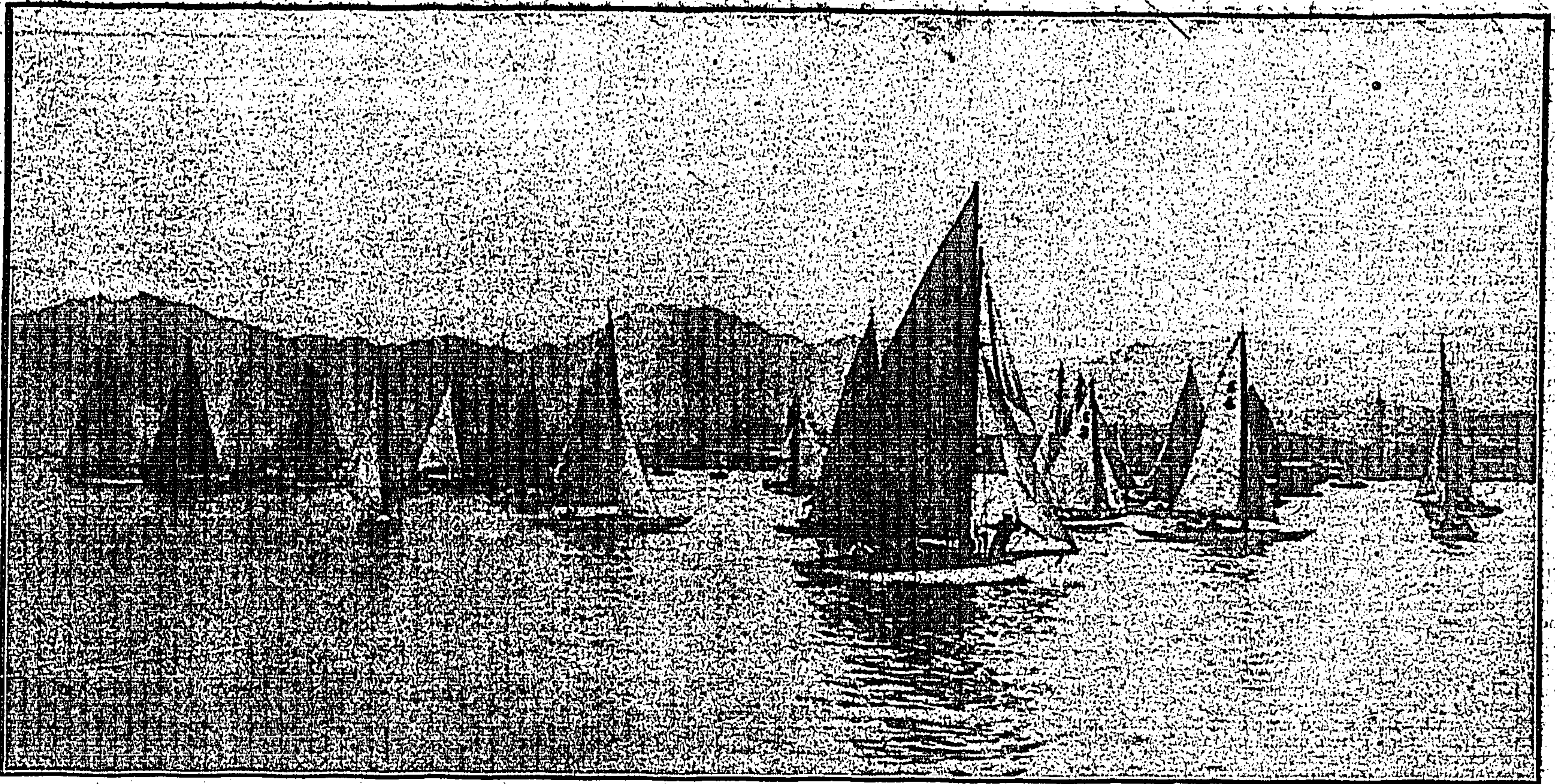
They had no time to watch for results, but two of the Poles destroyed a bomber.

The third Polish pilot did not come back and is presumed to have been himself shot down.

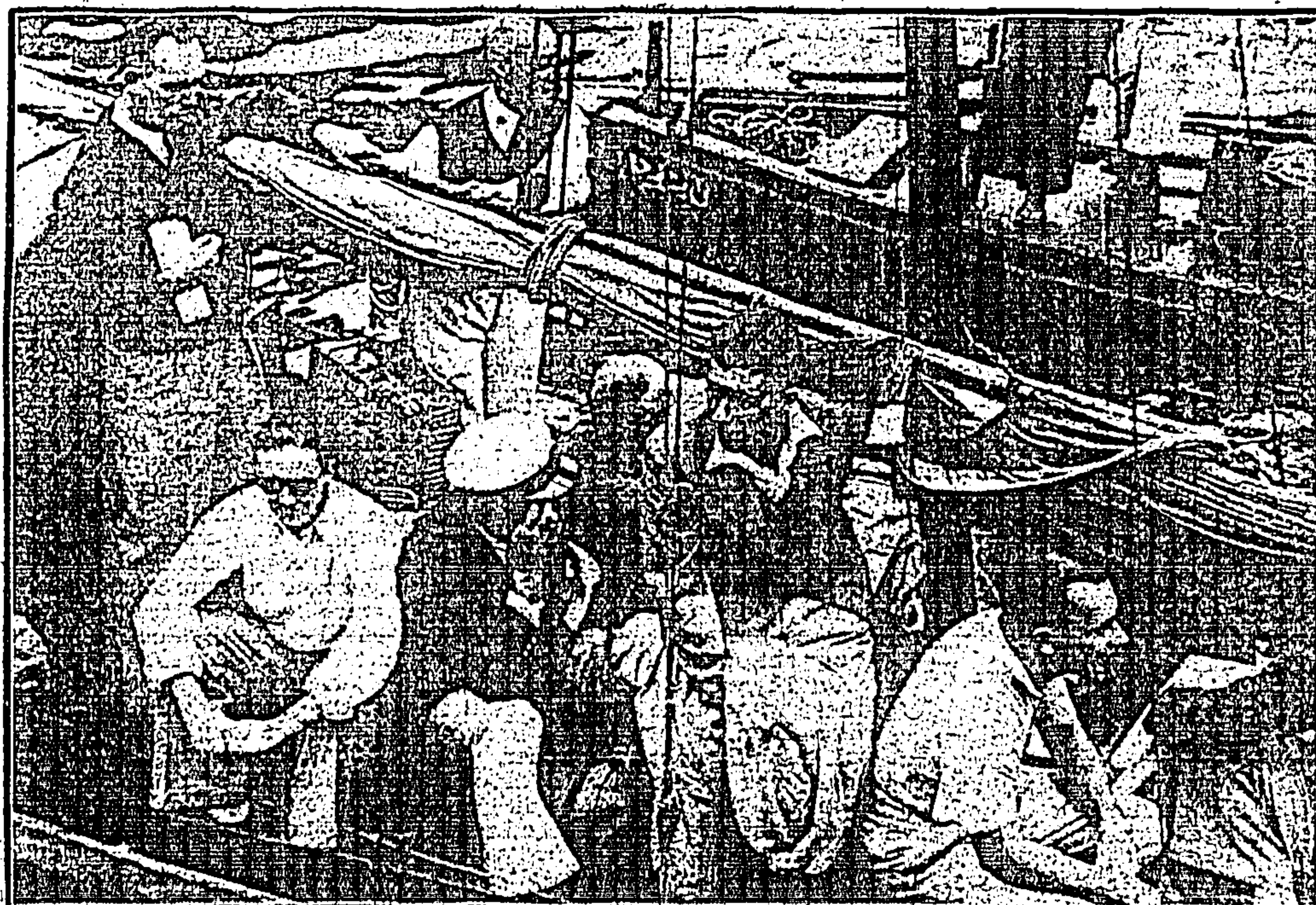
Other pilots, who contributed to the day's "bag" of 62 enemy aircraft included a station commander and a pilot officer, who towards the end of May spent an exciting ten days escaping GIs. (Cont'd at Foot of Preceding Col.)

THE CHINA MAIL

FRIDAY SUPPLEMENT, HONG KONG, NOVEMBER 1, 1940.



A general view of the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club's fleet setting out on Saturday for the opening cruise of the season, preliminary to the formal opening by H.E. the acting Governor of the new clubhouse on Kellett Island. His Excellency sailed with the Commodore (Mr. N. V. A. Croucher) whose La Cigale I took first place.



A sampan trip out to the yachts which started from Murray Pier. H. J. Armstrong and J. F. Dunnitt are among the yachtsmen in the picture.



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SHORT STORY

The Man In The Green Mask By James Corbett

MILDRETH HARRINGTON half-opened her eyes. She was conscious of a movement in her bedroom, of someone peering into corners. Then she closed her eyes again, but before they were shut she had seen something. It was the figure of a man, wearing a green mask, and in his right hand was a pin-point light. It flickered slightly across her table, then it swept towards her, and at that instant her eyelids closed.

It was to give her time to think, to wake from her troubled sleep, for she guessed it was three in the morning, and she knew this man was a burglar. There was no need to scream out, but her hand slipped under the pillow. It gripped that little French revolver, and she withdrew it quietly.

"I should leave that alone!" came a mocking voice. "You are not the type, Mildreth Harrington, to shoot straight, and your nerve is unsteady. You forgot one thing. When you move in bed you knocked that other pillow on the floor, and I knew you were disturbed. I want your help."

The voice was charming, and it spoke in level tones. Mildreth opened her eyes. Again she saw that tiny torch, that flash-lamp with the pin-point lens, and behind it her midnight intruder. He was wearing a brown suit, was exceedingly tall, but his face was hidden behind the green mask. She was certain he was handsome, with a virile personality, and she felt strangely thrilled.

"Please switch on the light," she begged. "I am not going to call for help, or do anything nonsensical. But you have made me dreadfully curious. Why have you paid me this visit?"

He took the French revolver, and placed it in a drawer of her table.

"The electric light might attract attention," he protested. "I have no intention of molesting you, but I have come on a definite mission, and time is an important factor. In your possession is a diamond bracelet. It's worth £250 at a low figure. I have searched those two drawers, also your chateleine bag. You must solve the mystery!"

He stared at her quietly, noted the rush of colour to the lovely face, then the pallor, that quick indrawn breath. He gazed into her dark eyes, held them relentlessly, then smiled.

"Is that all you want?" she asked. "I mean, how did you know I have that bracelet?"

"That interests my profession," he responded. "There is nothing else I want—nothing but the bracelet—and make it snappy!"

She held up her left hand, and removed the bracelet from her wrist. With a frown, she placed it in his palm. She sighed at her loss.

"You must have a wonderful source of information," she announced, her tone resentful. "That bracelet was a special gift from mother on my last birthday!"

"What a pity to deprive you of it," he answered cynically moving to the half-open window. "Well, I'm sorry I can't give you a receipt, but I've forgotten my fountain pen, and I'm a clumsy writer. In case you think of pressing that bell, or making the slightest move for help, I advise you to think twice. It would be easy to silence you—and I could still get away."

She sat up and folded her arms behind her head. A faint moonlight was shining into the room. She knew it was useless to make a fuss, that a balustrade was outside the window of her London flat, that this marauder would make good his escape. Apart from that, she did not want him to leave. Not yet at least. She wanted to find out something about him, to hear again that voice.

"You seem to be in a dreadful hurry," she exclaimed in that low tone. "Won't you give some explanation? I mean—you are not the type, not the common cat-burglar. You have the University voice; you speak as if this act was distasteful, as if you were not used to it. Won't you tell me how it happened, how you have come to be in this position?"

"Why?"

"Perhaps I might be able to help," she faltered. "There is such a thing as reinstatement, and we all make mistakes. If it is money you want—"

He had reached the window. But he stood there waiting, that grin round his lips. His flash-lamp was still levelled.

"No, I don't want money!" he snarled. "Just this trinket—nothing else. Thanks for your sympathy—but I'm afraid it is wasted."

"Is this your profession?" she begged again, wishing he would try to kiss her, or give her some excuse for tearing off that mask.

"It is for to-night," he grinned. "But what a good job I disturbed you. Do you usually sleep with a diamond bracelet on your arm?"

"No, but that was a special gift, and I was afraid of losing it."

"From your mother?"

"Yes. Do you doubt my word?"

"Not in the least. But it does seem funny!"

"What's funny about it?"

"Never mind. You can think that one out, Mildreth Harrington—but don't make me laugh too much!"

She bit her lip, and again the crimson rushed to her forehead. Now she felt she hated him, and he had such a charming voice.

"How did you discover my name?" she asked tearfully.

He re-crossed the room, made a sudden movement, and caught her up in his arms. Without a word, he pressed his mouth close against her lips. It was the most wonderful kiss she had experienced, and she lay back exhausted. He moved to the window.

"You should not look so glamorous," he apologised. "However, I am giving away no secrets, and until we meet again—au revoir!"

She did not speak. She lay back against the pillow, breathing heavily, her eyes closed, yet knowing he had vanished, that he had departed as stealthily as he had come. She made no effort to sound an alarm, even to press the bell that might have brought the caretaker or summoned the police. Those thoughts never entered her mind. She had a deeper motive for her silence, and it caused her to bury her head in the bedclothes. She sobbed piteously, and not for two hours did she drift into a heavy sleep.

In the morning she preserved an odd composure, and not to the soul did she mention her midnight visitor. Apparently, he was an expert cat burglar, and that balustrade gave him an advantage. What mystified her was something else. Who was her visitor, how did he know her name, and how could he be aware she had a diamond bracelet?

That afternoon, when she met her brother Anthony at Crichton's Cafe, off New Oxford-street, she seemed a different woman. He noted the alteration, and when he found a secluded table he remarked on her altered demeanour. Anthony Harrington was the Mayfair type, fashionably dressed, Bohemian in appearance, good looking, with features that spoke of dissipation. His brown eyes were far from steady, the pallor of his cheeks significant. He glanced at the blue costume worn by his sister, at the modest hat, at the pale face stressing a restless night.

"You look as if you had been on the tiles," he grinned, after giving an order to the waitress. "You have lost that saucy look; you seem almost human. Don't say you have fallen in love!"

Mildreth gave a start, made an effort to speak, then waited until the tea came. The place was packed with people, and the orchestra had already commenced. She glanced at her brother with disapproval; why did he seem so hideous at the instant? She knew his record, his gay life, his reckless expenditure. It was time to be firm. This afternoon she would talk to him plainly.

"Tony, you and I must come to an understanding," she began, pouring out the tea. "The financial position has changed, and you must find a job."

"What do you infer?" he blazed out, lowering his voice, yet speaking with concentrated anger. "Do you mean you have brought no cash, that you have not negotiated a cheque?"

Mildreth helped herself to a French scone and added sugar to her China tea. She never referred to her adventure; that was something her brother should never know.

"It means your Mayfair career has come to an end," she announced, and her voice was different. "I have coddled you since mother died, being my kid brother, but you have never played the game. Tony, and now the racket must stop. I have no further money. What are you going to do about it?"

"But the overdraft—" he spluttered, half-dazed with the shock. "The bank will not advance another farthing," she replied, "and I have to find work as a mannequin, or even take up film work. Anything to keep floating. Even my flat must go. I will have to get cheap rooms, and you will have to clear out of Mayfair. The bank manager is adamant; I can find no further security!"

"But this is ridiculous!" Tony protested, half-rising to his feet. "I owe £200—money that must be found in 24 hours—and I was depending on you for the last tranch!"

"I have reached it!" his sister answered. "You have spent every penny. Tony, and your speculations have been ruinous. Gambling is in your blood, but your luck has deserted you, and there is nothing ahead but prison. I advise you to pull up in time."

"You mean you can't get hold of £50?"

"Not five!"

"Good lord! Then I must find a job!"

"Yes, it's an idea, and when you do get one, Tony, wipe those men off your list. They have led you

to perdition, and those night clubs have been the ruin of us both. Mayfair has dragged us to the depths, and I don't intend to sink."

Tony turned white to the lips; he wished he could have ordered a brandy.

"I must see Saunderson," he said thickly. "He talked yesterday about clearing out to Capetown, and there is a chance I could go with him. Do you mind?"

"I only wish I could go with you!"

"Why don't you marry?" he blazed again.

"That's another idea," Mildreth replied, "but judging from the Mayfair specimens you have presented, my wedding will have to wait. Take that African appointment, Tony; take anything for the present, but get out of the Mayfair district!"

He nodded. Since their parents died Mildreth had mothered him, but he had sponged on her shamefully, and now she would have to leave that flat at Cambrian-terrace. He would have to pull himself together, and accept that offer in Capetown. That would be a good excuse to leave London, to forget those cursed debts.

"Look here, Mildreth, I'm damned sorry about everything," he spluttered. "I have been going the pace—we have both been stepping out—but I have been worse than you, and it's all my fault about the gambling. I haven't found a winner for weeks, and the bills have been mounting up. I'll see Saunderson this evening, and go out with him by the next boat. I will repay you somehow—in some fashion—but I won't let you down!"

They gripped hands, and Mildreth knew he meant it. Perhaps it was a case of self-preservation. At any rate, Tony was speaking like his real self. Capetown might prove his salvation, and Saunderson was a steady sort. A mining speculator, but he had brains and resource. She could trust her brother with him.

Later, when rising to leave she gave an involuntary start, and almost stumbled in a kind of panic. Two men had entered, and the voice of one smote her ears. Perhaps she was dreaming, but it seemed the same voice, the voice of the man with the green mask. That was absurd, yet she stared at the speaker with an intent gaze. Only for an instant, then passed onward, and hardly knew how she reached the door. She would remember that face again, those grave blue eyes. Could it have been the person she imagined, her midnight marauder, the man who kissed her so fiercely. She had no means of telling, but his height was the same, and surely there could not be two voices like that? She was aware he met her gaze, that he had given a sudden smile, but was it one of recognition, or just the glance a man gives a good-looking girl? If he watched her to the door she did not know about it. She never glanced back, and when Tony left her on the pavement she returned with all speed to her flat.

She had to pack, to make arrangements to leave, but her mind seemed a blank, and at the end of half an hour she was smoking cigarettes.

An hour later the telephone rang, and she was surprised at the message. It was an invitation from Mrs. Brookland, of 4, Cadogan Mansions, to attend a reception that evening. She had only met the lady twice, and Mrs. Brookland seemed a different type—quite different from the others. Apparently she remembered her, and wished to see her again. Her voice was friendly, and, acting on impulse, Mildreth promised to attend. Besides, Mrs. Brookland would not invite the usual gang; it would be a select affair, for she was notably exclusive, also exceedingly wealthy, and it was lucky to receive an invitation from her personally.

She dressed quietly, and made no effort to appear glamorous. When her taxi drove up to 4, Cadogan Mansions, she had a strange intuition that something would happen. She could not define it, but it occurred, an hour later, during the middle of the reception, and she felt herself, from that moment in the hands of Fate. The man to whom she was introduced—Richard Carleton—was no other than the individual she had met at Crichton's Cafe, the man who smiled at her, the man who possessed the duplicate voice to the one owned by her midnight visitor. He passed off the introduction formally, almost with in-

difference, yet, fifteen minutes afterwards, he sought her out, and she found herself dancing with him. Now she was certain the miracle had occurred, that, by some strange stroke of destiny, she had met the one man, who could matter, irrespective of his midnight profession or anything else. She decided to challenge him, or to test her suspicion, and when he led her to an alcove, ostensibly for a smoke, she gazed into his eyes.

"Where have I met you?" she asked, looking at him through a smoke cloud, and wondering why his voice thrilled so strangely. Surely she could not be mistaken, surely this must be the man, with the green mask?

He gave a shrug, then his lips relaxed, and he glanced out at the swaying dancers.

"If my memory does not deceive me," he answered, "you had tea this afternoon at Crichton's Cafe."

She saw he was teasing her, and she made a movement of protest.

"Do not joke, please!" she begged. "Of course, we met at Crichton's Cafe, but it was then I was positive you were not a stranger. If I am wrong you must have a double, but it was not your features; your voice makes all the difference!"

"How?" he enquired gently.

"I would remember it anywhere—even after the lapse of years!" she continued. "It has a peculiar inflexion; a Southern note that strikes forcibly, and I have heard it before!"

"When?" he enquired, with exasperating coolness, never removing his gaze. He wanted to tell her how entrancing she looked; that she, too, had caught him in a spell.

Mildreth wondered if she would take the plunge? Could she have the courage to tell him everything, or should she dissemble?

"Listen, please," she announced, "you may think me mad—perhaps overstrung—but I am going to tell you something I have mentioned to no one—not even to my brother—and that was the individual you saw me with this afternoon. I dare not tell him because he would want to notify the police. I can trust you implicitly!"

"Beyond the shadow of a doubt!" he said, lighting a cigarette, and watching the crimson mount to that lovely forehead. He had never seen a more graceful figure, a more desirable creature, and, he seemed to understand her better than she did herself. "If you had an adventure of some kind, what had the police to do with it, and why should they be notified?"

"That is the point," she affirmed, speaking more coherently. "I ought to notify the Yard, or Vine-street Station, or a police-sergeant. You see, Mr. Carleton, it happened last night—in my bedroom—and it was the most sensational thing in my life. A burglar entered my flat!"

"Indeed!" He never moved—not an eyelid. Indeed his sangfroid maddened her.

"Yes, a cat-burglar," she proceeded. "He must have climbed my balustrade, and about three in the morning he made his appearance in my room. I heard a movement, and when I opened my eyes I saw a man wearing a green mask!"

"How interesting!" Carleton (Continued on Page 3)



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The Man In The Green Mask

drawled. "Why did you not summon help? You don't mean he pinched anything?"

"Yes, he took my diamond bracelet!"

"Heavens! Did you let him get away with it?"

"Yes, I had no option. He might have strangled me!"

"The brute! Well, proceed. What developed; why have you kept quiet about the incident? Why, it would have made a front headline for the papers!"

"There was no one in the house but a caretaker, and he is more than slightly deaf. He sleeps at the top of the building, and I don't think he would have heard. But that is not the exciting part. The real mystery is that the burglar knew my name, and he only wanted that bracelet—nothing else!"

"Good lord! What a funny chap! Were you not frightened?"

"No, I was thrilled. You see, it was my first adventure, Mr. Carleton, and the man attracted me a good deal. I felt sorry for him. He did not seem the ordinary type; indeed, he was a gentleman, and he could not have been more polite. He had hunted everywhere for that bracelet, then, when he saw he had woke me up, he just told me what he wanted, and I gave it to him—the bracelet, I mean."

"Were you wearing it?"

"Yes, how did you guess?"

"Just a hunch of mine. But I am still in the dark, Miss Harrington. Why have you not notified the police? There must have been finger-prints; any number of clues, and that chap may easily be caught!"

"Oh, but I don't wish him caught. I still feel tremendously sorry for him. I asked for an explanation. I wanted to know why he took up that profession, but he did not answer my question. Now, since I met you this afternoon, I have been in a quandry. You see, Mr. Carleton, I don't think the voice of that cat-burglar has a duplicate, and I am wondering if you could have been the

man in the green mask. You have his voice. You seem the same person—your manner—everything—but, of course, it is absurd, isn't it, and I am really quite mad!"

Carleton shrugged. He still appeared to regard it as a joke.

"You are pulling my leg, aren't you?" he queried. "This adventure never happened, did it? If it did, and you think I possess the same voice as your burglar, well—you are hardly paying me a compliment, are you?"

"No, of course not. I humbly apologise!"

"There is no need to be sorry about it," he continued. "I am just intrigued over one part. You say the chap came for that diamond bracelet, that he wanted nothing else? Are you certain on that point?"

Mildreth flushed. She was trembling; it seemed beyond her strength to continue.

"Quite certain," she affirmed. "I offered him money; he declined with thanks. He just wanted that bracelet—and he went away when he got it. I think it was worth £300. It was a gift from my mother."

Carleton shook his head. He did not seem impressed.

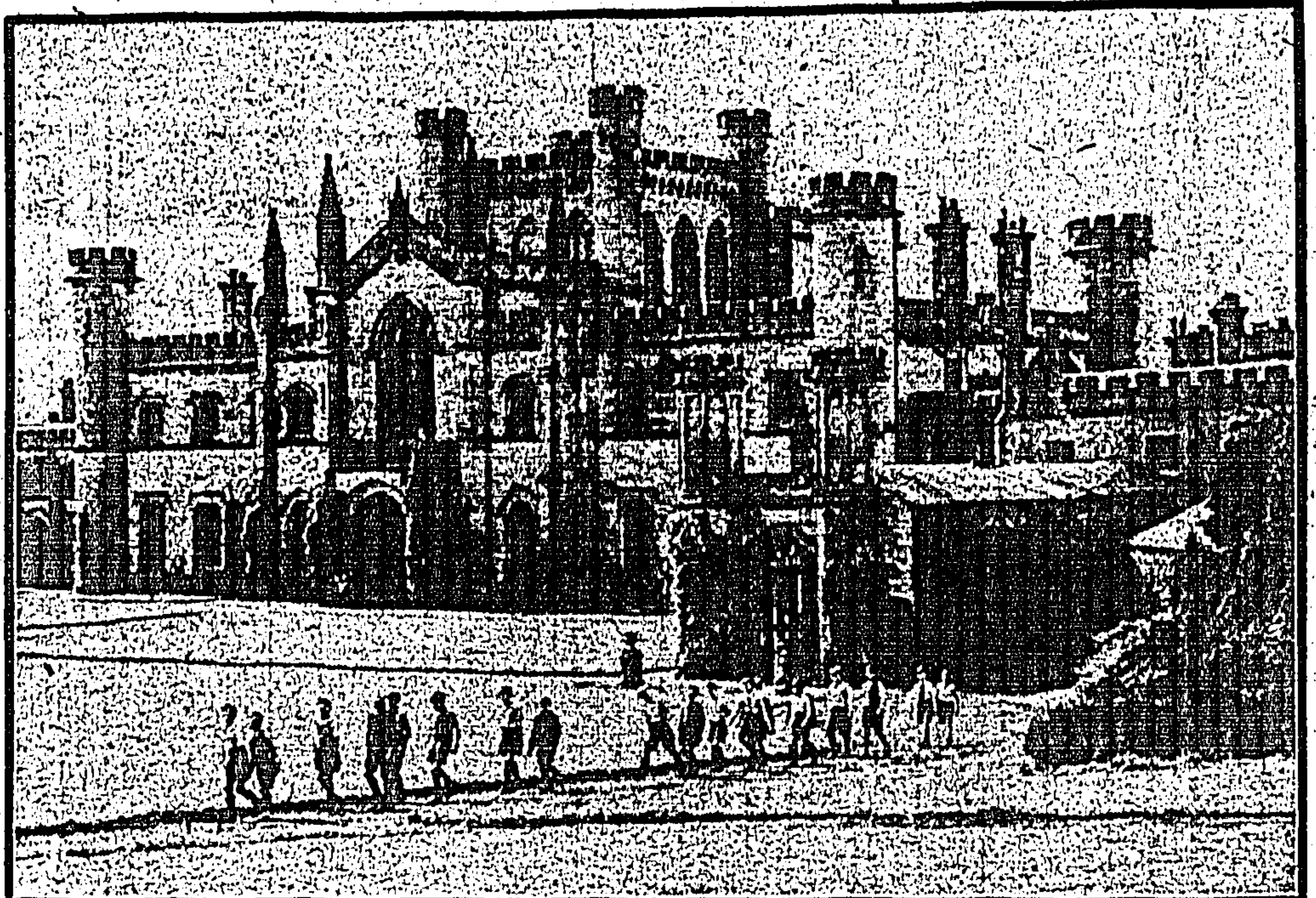
"There you drift to phantasy," he corrected. "The chap could not have missed such an opportunity. I am inclined to wager he kissed you. Indeed, if you will forgive me, I am certain you permitted him to kiss you, that you made not the slightest protest, that you lay in his arms for two or three divine moments!"

She sprang to her feet, then slipped back on her seat.

"Then it was you!" she exclaimed. "I was right, after all, in my intuition. You are the man in the green mask!"

Carleton nodded. He leaned forward, and his voice dropped a half-tone.

"There is no need to make a scene about it," he drawled, "but you are under a misapprehension. I am not a burglar, Miss Harrington. I merely paid that visit to rescue some stolen property. You see, I know where that diamond



A picturesque view as East Coast evacuee children walk in the spacious grounds of Lowther Castle, where they are billeted. Lowther Castle at Penrith, Cumberland, was, until recently, the home of Lord Lonsdale. (Copyright, Fox.)

bracelet was obtained. You took it last night when a guest at 4, Albion-square, Mayfair, and it belonged to Miss Adele Vicary, the young American heiress. You were suspected by your hostess, Mrs. Darlington, and I was instructed to act in the matter."

Mildreth gave a gasp. She felt sick with horror. At any instant she might be arrested.

"Then you are a detective?"

Again Carleton shook his head. He sat with arms folded, his eyes full of compassion, that wonderful voice firm.

"That is not correct," he continued. "I was a private detective in the old days—before I went to Africa—and when I made good out in the mines I saw no reason to copy the methods of Scotland Yard. I have been back in London a month, and since that date Mrs. Darlington has been putting me wise about Mayfair Society. Several articles have been missing; they have been annexed by the guests and there has been no prosecution. Mayfair hostesses have dreaded scandal. The articles have been taken by Mayfair guests, and there is always a definite reason.

Money shortage; gambling debts; to keep young wastrels from doing honest work—but I did not calculate that you would be concerned. I was given your address, and I got to work. It was a method of my own, and the diamond bracelet has been returned. At my request, there will be no publicity, but I want an explanation. Why the hell did you pinch that bracelet?"

Mildreth shivered. The tears would not come, but she sat there with a white face, and the man saw the Gethsemane through which she was passing. He waited patiently. Then she told him her story. The sudden temptation to get money for her brother; her moment of weakness when she saw the bracelet lying on the table, with its owner temporarily absent at the telephone. She knew other Mayfair guests were at the same racket; that articles were being annexed, that there was no publicity, no prosecution, that the whole business was simple—and she succumbed. That bracelet passed into her possession, and, under the plea of a headache she had excused herself from the reception had slipped

away in the first taxi she could find, back to the security of her flat. She would procure the cash for that bracelet the following day; her brother would be relieved of financial pressure, and no one would be the wiser for her escapade.

"Now you hate me as the vilest thing in London," she concluded tearfully. "You gave a wonderful performance, Mr. Carleton, but you spoilt everything at the end—you should never have made the blunder of kissing me!"

He rose to his feet, then took her slowly in his arms.

"Listen, Mildreth," he said gently, "I have been checking up on you, on your brother and everything else, and you will find he will get that African trip. I have spoken a word for him. You see, he knew Mrs. Darlington, and it was my suggestion that resulted in your getting this invitation. We have been arranging things between us—and now I must return that kiss I took so shamefully!"

She lay passive in his arms, but at that instant she knew she had fallen, fallen completely for the man in the green mask!

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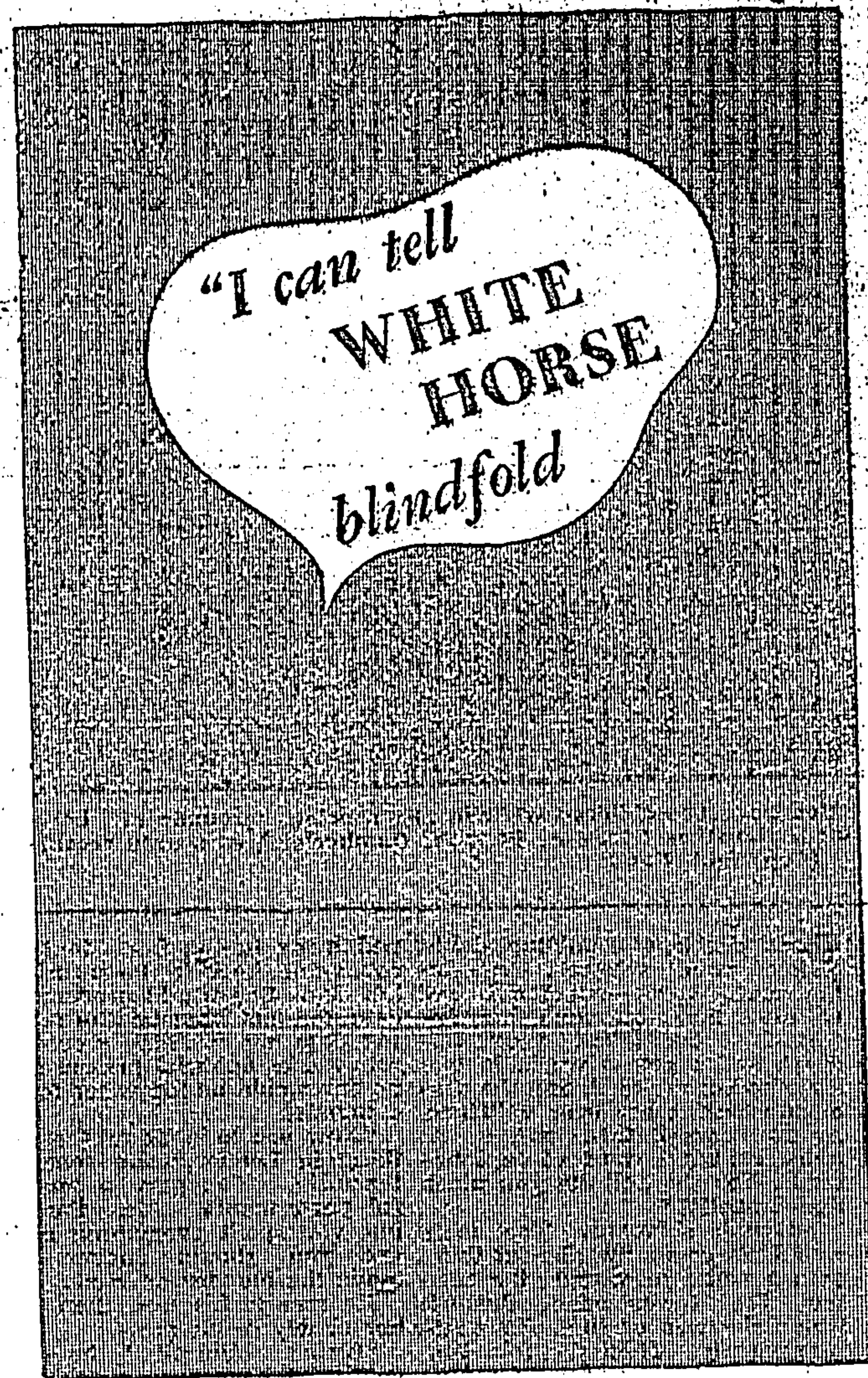
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What I Saw Of The Effects Of Bombing

FROM reports and photographs those in distant parts of the world may tend to visualise London partly in ruins or at least showing terrible signs of damage. For a building destroyed is news. A building left standing is not. Naturally it is pictures or what is damaged, not what is intact, that are given circulation.

This week I visited London, which, for reasons unconnected with the war, I had not seen since the heavy raids began. Travelling up by a slow train on a bright clear morning, I confess, I expected to see many traces of raiders as one looked over wide stretches of roofs down innumerable streets.

All I saw on a journey via the suburbs were some broken windows in a typical small poor street and two or three houses which had collapsed under the blast of a bomb which had fallen some yards from them.

In the heart of Clubland not even a broken window could be seen in the few streets through which I walked. Except for the familiar precautionary measures everything was normal. Though a raid warning had sounded people were going about their business and one noticed that car parks were filled to overflowing.

Of course serious damage had been done in places, but they have to be looked for. By day at least the visitor is in fact mainly impressed by the normality of London and by the very high percentage of its area which stands intact and in fact showing no trace of the nightly raids.

It would indeed be very wrong to minimise the seriousness or indeed, for many families, the personal tragedy of the attack on London. When you come across it the damage may in itself be terribly dramatic. A couple of big Regency houses were clipped out clean from the great and beautiful terrace. Half a dozen shops were knocked into ruins and glass was spilled over a wide circle by a bomb. A crater in a famous street was large enough to hide a small house in—for those who love London these are not pretty sights.

Nor frankly is it any fun at all to "go to the ground" in a shelter at dusk, to sleep in the racket in danger until light brings security again. Fear is not a pleasurable emotion and many have learned what it is for the first time.

Here the humour, realism and, of course, the indomitable courage of the English, be they men or women, young or old, are completely meeting the situation.

As for material damage it must be measured and given its due importance by the fact that London is carrying on as the capital and the political, administrative, industrial, commercial and intellectual headquarters of Britain.

Its activities flow forward. Its Ministries assemble. Its commit-

tees execute. Its business is transacted. Its work is done. Its millions are fed, transported and protected. Its roads and railways are open and, except when darkness offers raiders, easy hiding, its skies are its own too.

Moreover, damage once done is not damage for all time. A railway viaduct may be hit in the small hours. By nightfall trains may be passing over once again.

There is a further fact about these raids on London which is fundamental and has not received the attention which its importance deserves.

Night raids, other things being equal, are clearly very poor substitutes for the day, when targets and damage can both be seen.

But for all practical purposes there are no day-raids on London. Why? Because day-raids have been tried and have failed. They have been defeated, indeed crippled, by the incomparable Royal Air Force.

This perhaps is the outstanding feature of the war in its present phase and may well also be the decisive development of the whole war.

Turn to the enemy's side of the picture. Here we find evidence of the increasing offensive power of the Royal Air Force. The R.A.F.'s attacks on what are known as "invasion ports" continue with increasing intensity.

Apart from their preventive value they must cause much loss of life and morale in the enemy's ranks. For ports must at all times be scenes of activity with working parties and permanent detachments in charge of shipping or in readiness to deal with fires.

The moral effect of suspense on troops awaiting zero day over an ever-lengthening period even if casualties are not heavy must be considerable.

Raids on Berlin and other centres have not been relaxed in spite of the concentration on invasion ports.

On the Egyptian frontier the Italian advance has halted for a time. There are still many miles of desert to cross before it comes in collision with General Wilson's main army. The Navy, R.A.F. and General Wilson's light forces are meanwhile harassing Graziani's attempts to establish depots along his route.

German aircraft are reported to have joined the Italians but so long as the attack on Britain proceeds and invasion preparations are maintained their numbers are likely to be limited. Their special

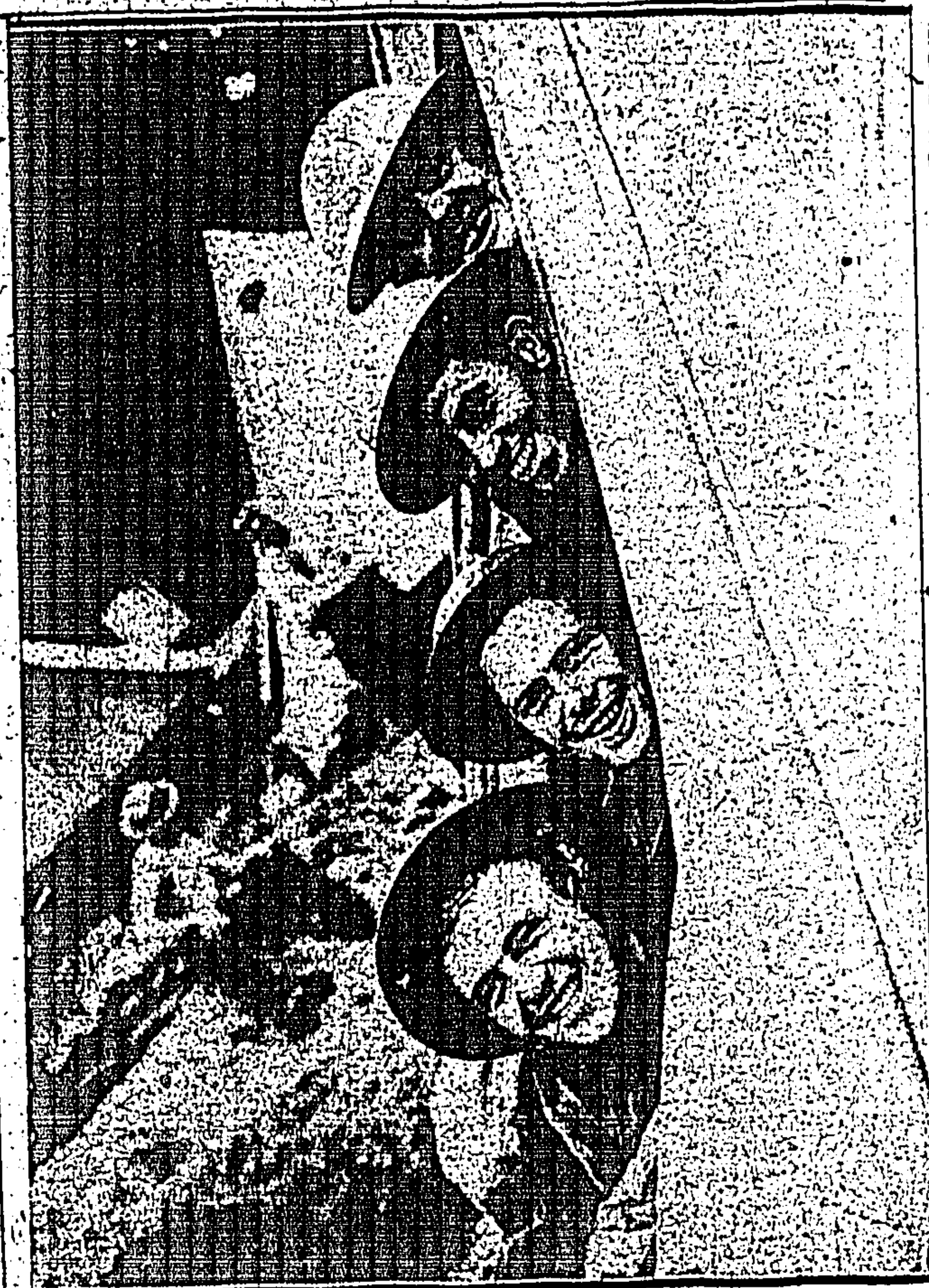
purpose at present may be to acquire a knowledge of desert flying and to recognise the targets on its face.

Italian naval action and the movement of merchant shipping continue to be marked by extreme caution.

General de Gaulle's attempt to enlist support in French West Africa has unfortunately failed and it has resulted in another regrettable clash with the Vichy Government's forces which opened fire on British ships. General de Gaulle was determined to avoid fighting Frenchmen and when it was clear he would meet with resistance the abandonment of his attempt was inevitable.

Britain's essential interest is, of course, to prevent Dakar falling under German control. But although German agents have apparently been active at Dakar, the Vichy Government insists that it will not be used as a German base. If it were used as a base for U-boats, surface vessels and aircraft, it would constitute a serious menace to British sea communications with and round the Cape.

The action of British ships in replying to the fire from Dakar was, however, in no sense an attempt to capture the port. The incident is regrettable but it does not materially alter the situation, which remains unsatisfactory but not necessarily menacing.



There are in Britain now many representatives from all over her Empire, all of whom are anxious to do their utmost to hasten the ultimate victory. Amongst these, the New Zealanders are by no means in the minority and a contingent of them are at present in training in the Aldershot Command. Photo shows a row of smiling faces at the tent-door; an accurate indication of the spirit of these men who are now prepared to fight for the Empire they have helped to build. (Copyright, Fox.)

The Way Of A Bomb

Setting out a reasoned code of behaviour for the guidance of the civilian population in an air raid and breathing the spirit of confidence in the Empire's ability to win the war, a four-page pamphlet entitled "You Can Be Safe in an Air Raid" tells the reader what to expect and what to do in the variety of situations he might be in when an air raid takes place.

The pamphlet opens with a short description of an air raid and the ways of a bomb, and describes in detail what the public should do when either in a building or in the open during a raid. Stress is laid on the necessity for rehearsing the elementary procedure given in the pamphlet.

When a bomb is released from an aeroplane, it does not drop vertically, but follows a curved path before striking the object or earth, states the pamphlet.

For example, a plane travelling at 300 miles per hour at a height of 25,000 feet above the ground would, in order to ensure reaching a particular objective, have to release its bombs 42 seconds or 17,200 feet before it reaches its objective; that is, if a bomb is not already making for you, which you will easily be able to recognise, as bombs fall with a terrible screech, you will be safe from bombs when an enemy aeroplane is directly overhead.

When a high explosive bomb falls, it penetrates to a depth depending upon the nature of the substance struck and on the nature of the bomb itself. Then it explodes, breaking into thousands of fragments or splinters, the bulk of which fly out laterally and slightly upwards, i.e., the main danger does not come from overhead, but from the sides. This is a most important thing to remember. At the same time an explosive force or blast is created in the surrounding air. This consists of a pressure which exerts a maximum force away from the bomb, pushing and cracking the walls, windows, doors, etc.

As the pressure lasts for only 1/500th part of a second, its main effects consist in cracking those objects with which it comes in contact. The pressure wave is followed by a partial vacuum upon it and the underground which lasts for a considerably longer time. This vacuum pulls down the already shattered walls, windows, doors, etc., outward into the street below, whereupon the building, if it is of the weight bearing or frameless type, collapses upon itself as the walls no longer support the floor joists.

If the building is of the framed type, i.e., one consisting of a concrete or steel framework with reinforced concrete floors filled in with not too substantial panels of brickwork which will give without transmitting severe blast pressure to the framework, the blast attacks the walls, windows, doors etc., just the same, but as the walls are not supporting the building the columns and floor remain intact even if the walls are blown out by the blast. Hence the preference for framed structure buildings when taking refuge in a building or shelter during an air raid.

Since the effect of high explosive is lateral and slightly upwards, side protection is the most important and for this purpose at least 13½ inches of brickwork or its equivalent is necessary to protect you from splinters and blast from a 500-lb. bomb bursting 50 feet away; the thicker the better.

While it is not economical to build a structure to give protection from a direct hit, it is necessary to build overhead protection to give protection from splinters and the detritus of battle.

The splinters from a 500-lb. bomb bursting 50 feet away require 6 inches of concrete or 13½ inches of brickwork or 1½ inches of steel plate to stop them. Therefore it is safer in a building, especially a well constructed one, than in the open, for the main walls of the average building will stop the splinters.

The danger from a direct hit is small, but the chance that a bomb will explode near you is many times greater, and since the effect of high explosive is lateral and slightly upwards, the greatest danger is at ground level where there is the danger from blast, splinters and the debris from falling buildings; whilst the least danger is underground in a properly constructed refuge room, strong enough to withstand the effects of the buildings falling followed by a partial vacuum upon it and the underground which lasts for a considerably longer time.

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A PAGE FOR WOMEN On Giving Parties

Happily the informal party is superseding the elaborate affair of our grandparents' time.

Which is as it should be, seeing that social customs are imposed or relaxed to fit the needs of the age in which we live. And rapid movement is certainly the hallmark of life to-day. Which means that we have neither time nor inclination for too much formality.

Modes of dress must naturally conform to these social changes. So don't wear an elaborate evening dress except on very special occasions. Choose a simple gown for dinner or afternoon parties. If the invitation specially indicates "Not evening dress," wear a smart afternoon frock or plain semi-evening dress with sleeves.

Men can wear dinner jackets, black waistcoat and tie at informal parties. And this question of tie seems to bother a lot of them. Is it to be "black or white?" The best guide is to stick to the dinner jacket and black tie, unless the invitation says "Evening dress," when the more formal tail-coat requires the white waistcoat and tie.

Garden parties are preferred to house parties.

At these informal gatherings tennis is usually provided, and those guests who play the game will attend dressed ready for the occasion. Naturally they will come equipped with rackets and balls.

Non-players wear their smartest frocks and shady hats, and the men lounge suits or flannels.

Indoors Or Out

The hostess with weather sense will make preparations to serve tea either indoors or in the garden. If the day should turn cool or showery, small tables can be placed in a large room facing the garden (which has first been cleared of all unnecessary furniture). Iced should be served to the tennis players during breaks in the game. Fruit cups and iced drinks are also welcomed. Fruit salad and ice-cream are other well appreciated extras.

On arrival guests should be shown direct to the garden. There they should be received by host and hostess.

Invitations to garden parties should be so worded that they include any visitors staying with friends. If children are included in the invitation, remember, to provide special games for them. A swing, rounders, or clock-golf will keep them busy, and out of the way of the grown-ups. At refreshment time they must have tables to themselves and special treats that appeal to them.

Large garden parties call for even less formality in the way of invitations. Even slight acquaintances may be invited. Other forms of entertainment besides tennis should be devised. A band or small orchestra will be welcomed and dancing encouraged. Refreshments can be served in a marquee erected at the end of the garden (which must naturally be a large one for such parties).

Arrangements for this type of party are best carried out by a reliable catering firm.

Guests who prefer tennis to dancing will come in tennis clothes. Dancers, and those who just prefer to look on, wear light-coloured afternoon frocks, and the younger members of the party light dresses.

Care Of Details

Take care of details like placing ash-trays at convenient spots where groups of people collect for a smoke and chat. Provide

matches or lighters, too. See that the bathrooms are in good order and that there is plenty of cold water on tap, and invite the guests to a wash and brush up immediately they arrive if you live at an out-station.

A word about invitations for all occasions. A fortnight's notice is usually given for the more formal parties—dinner, "At Homes," dances. Give a week's notice for

luncheon parties, informal tea parties. Ten days should be allowed for cocktail parties, and a fortnight at least for bridge or other card parties. The longer the notice you give in this latter case, the less likely you are to have "odd" numbers when you have to man your tables for the game. And you know how awkward it is to provide partners at the last moment.

Simple Diet For Health

Our modern conception of beauty is more than fifty per cent. good health. The languishing lily type no longer evokes any admiration. If good health is present, many of the things that make for beauty are added unto you. For instance, bright eyes with clear blue white; clear skin with that lovely underlying glow; glossy hair, and strong growing finger nails, firm healthy gums.

Where shall we begin on this catalogue of health blessings. I think with the teeth, for so much depends upon them. The inside of the mouth is moist and dark, and so unless you are careful, provides a happy hunting ground for germs. Nature does a lot in washing away germs with the quart of saliva which a normal person manufactures every day, but it is up to the individual to keep teeth scrupulously clean.

If you cannot manage to brush them three times a day, which is the ideal, at least do it night and morning at the same time using some dental floss to keep the spaces between the teeth free from any food debris. This is as important as the tooth brush, and will considerably decrease the amount of tartar that accumulates.

A six-monthly visit to the dentist saves a lot of trouble and possible pain. Eat plenty of the foods containing the minerals and vitamins required for strong, healthy teeth, and at the same time benefit your nails and your hair.

It is a simple list and includes dairy produce, vegetables, eggs and fresh fruit.

Before we leave the mouth, may I touch on a subject that is usually approached with some diffidence; bad breath. That is something that should never happen so see that it doesn't happen to you. If it does, you need not necessarily conclude that your liver is out of sorts. Teeth, tonsils, catarrh, are just as likely to be responsible as your other internal arrangements. It sometimes can be traced to excessive smoking, though maybe the present price of cigarettes will prevent you from erring in that respect.

If you should find your tummy is responsible, take to a lighter diet for a while. Lighten the proteins, removing meat and other heavy dishes for a week or so and rely on a diet of fruit, vegetables and milk.

If you suffer from constipation, supplement whatever aperient you take by a suitable diet.

Fresh fruit, dried fruit, well-cooked green vegetables, salad, whole-meal bread and country rice should form a large part of the diet, with a limited amount of fat. Water should be taken freely between meals.

Here is a sample day's menu:

On rising: Glass of hot or cold water.

Breakfast: Grapefruit, orange or fresh fruit in season, or stewed fruit. Cereal with milk. Whole-meal bread with butter, honey or marmalade. Coffee with milk or cream.

11 a.m.: Fruit juice.
Lunch: Tomato and green salad with dressing, or egg or fish mayonnaise. Fresh or cooked fruit with cream. Wholemeal bread with butter.

4 p.m.: Cup of tea with wholemeal bread and butter, or digestive biscuits.

Dinner: Vegetable soup. Lean meat. Potato and two green vegetables, or a salad. Junket, fruit jelly, or fresh fruit in season, or dried fruit.

Bedtime: Glass of hot water. If it is more convenient to have a midday dinner, serve the lunch menu for supper.

Of course a sluggish liver and perfect health and beauty never did go together; nor yet a perfect temper, for there is none so snappy as your bilious subject.

Here again sensible diet can do a great deal to improve the condition. All foods which are indigestible must be avoided as well as those which are "liverish." Meat, eggs and fat should be severely limited, and easily digested foods and fruit juice increased.

Grapefruit and cereal, with wholemeal bread and butter, honey or jaggery are good for breakfast. Tea should be weak. Tomato juice is generally well tolerated.

Steamed fish should be chosen for lunch with lean ham as a change. Mashed potato and sieved vegetables should be served. As a second course, milk pudding, junket or a purée of stewed fruit.

The last meal should be something simple such as vegetable soup, macaroni and tomatoes, or a vegetable with white sauce. Baked apples, or sieved stewed pears or peaches are also permissible.

No Stockings

Going stockingless is an excellent wartime economy. But the problem for many women is: How to keep one's belt or corset from riding up.

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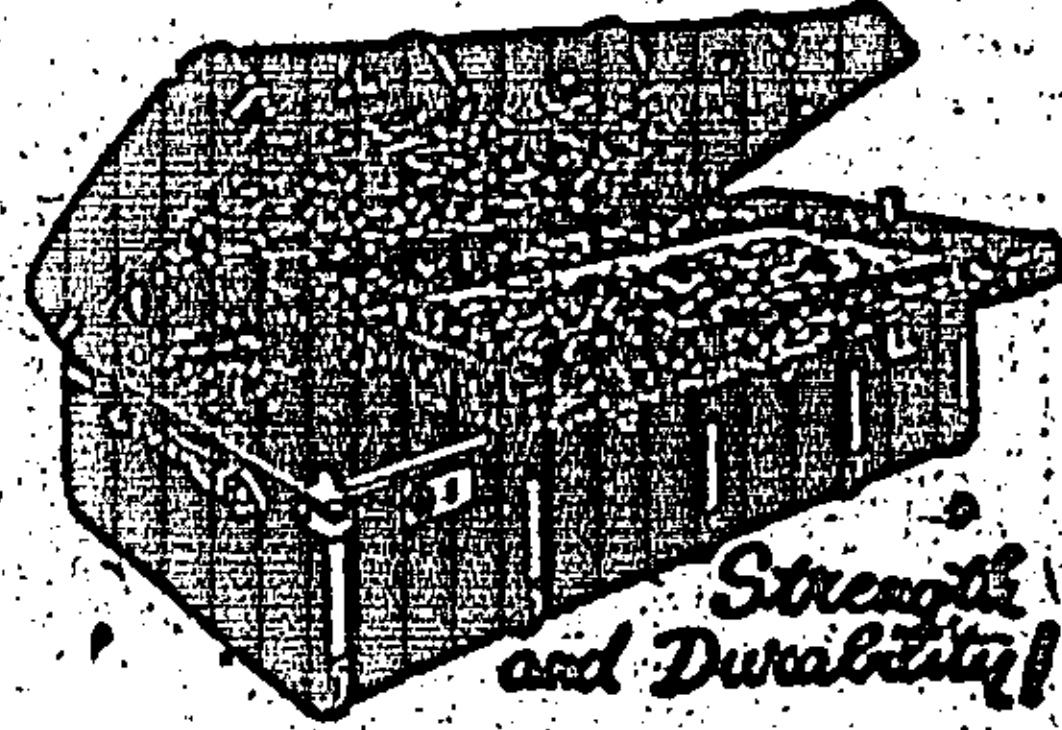
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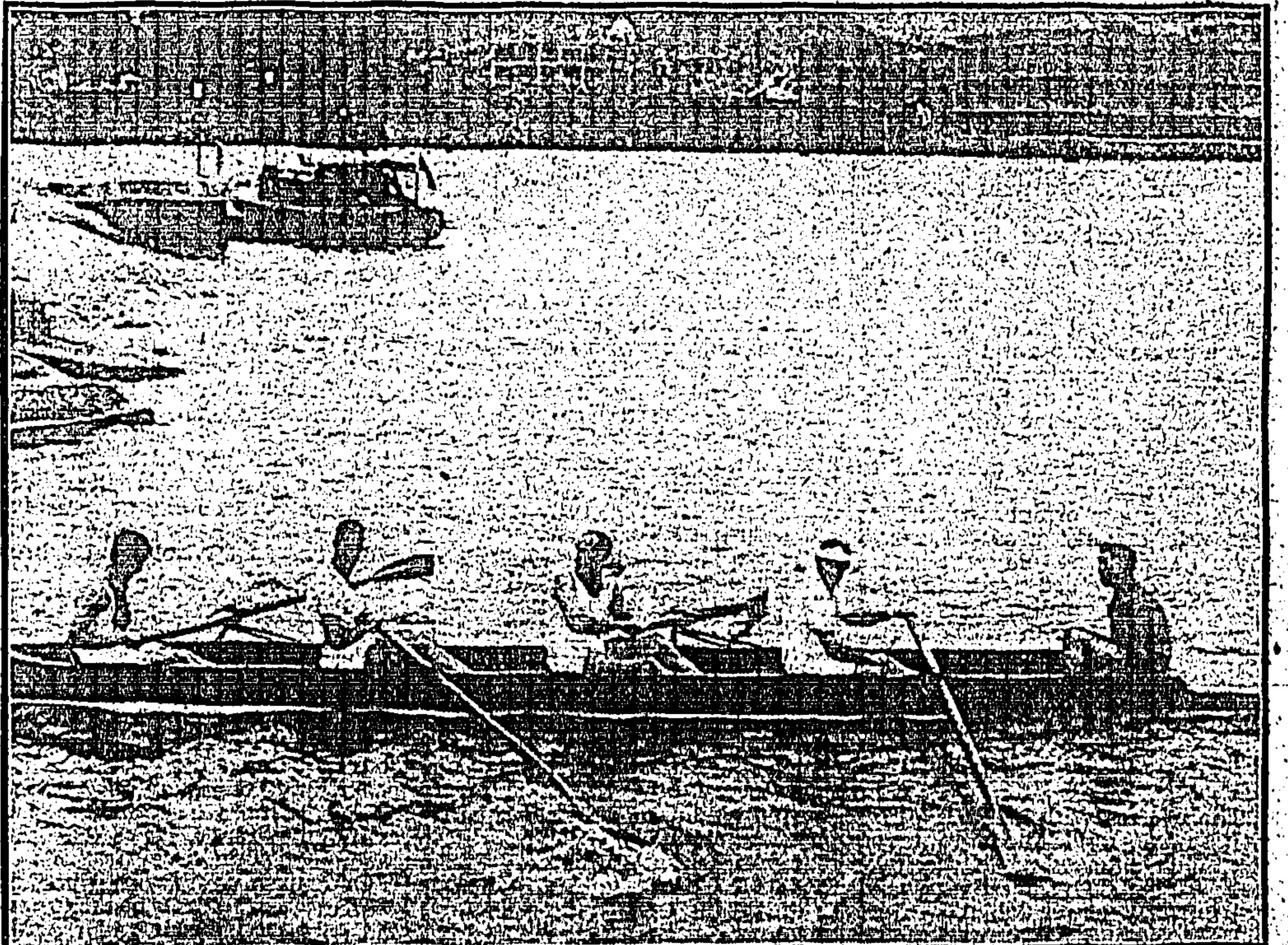


An incident in the needle match between South China and Bing Tao last Sunday. Cheung Wing-choi is saving from Lee Wai-tong while Li Ting-sang attempted vainly to intervene.

(Left)—The new Governor of Macao, Commander G. M. Teixeira, photographed on board the sloop "Goncalvo Velho" with Captain J. J. da Silva e Costa. Winsomely peeping from behind His Excellency is his younger daughter. (King's Studio).



The girl guides of Holy Spirit School taking part in the open air procession at the Roman Catholic Cathedral on Sunday.



One of the scratch fours which took part in impromptu races last Saturday on the occasion of the formal opening of the new clubhouse of the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club on Kellett Island. Picture shows crew "D" composed of G. L. Eastgate, B. de Haan, K. B. Nelson and E. Van Rijnberk. They were second, beaten by C. J. McCormick's crew.

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EVACUATION OF BERLINERS SPEEDED

THE EVACUATION of Berlin has begun. Thousands of civilians — including wives of several of the Nazi leaders — have already fled from the R.A.F. raids.

Many of them have gone to Paris. Others have gone to lonely villages in East Prussia, where they feel that they will be equally immune.

Well over 75,000 Berliners have already reached the French capital, and a further 50,000 have gone to Prague. Thousands more have taken flats and houses in Vienna.

So far this evacuation of civilians is unofficial. The people who are clearing out of Berlin are the wealthy classes, who can afford to undertake long journeys, and who can afford to maintain a second home in a safe area.

Parisians are angry, but powerless to protest at the influx of this big army of refugees.

There are only limited quantities of food available in the city, and the claims of the Berliners come first.

Most of them have plenty of money to spend, and by the time they have made their purchases for their families and servants, many of the shops are so denuded that there is little left for the native inhabitants.

An official evacuation has also begun — ordered by Marshal Goering.

It affects the many aircraft and other armament factories situated in the Berlin area. Some of the Berlin aerodromes and aircraft works have duplicate hangars and plants underground. They are not being moved for the moment.

"Pack Up Quickly"

But the others have been told to pack up as quickly as possible and re-open in commandeered factories in France, Czechoslovakia, Silesia and Austria.

A large part of Berlin's transport system has been requisitioned to remove the plant by road, for the railways are in too chaotic a state to deal even with the traffic that is already entrusted to them.

The owners of the commandeered factories have been given a fortnight to remove the plant they had been using for the manufacture of textiles and general engineering products.

They have been told not to interfere with their power plants, as these will be needed for driving the new armament machinery that is being transported from Berlin.

K.C.R. TRAIN DERAILED

The alertness of the engine crew of the through train from Kowloon to Lowu yesterday morning prevented a disaster in a derailment.

The accident occurred at the "fork" near Fanling Station. No one was injured.

The 11-carriage train left Kowloon for Lowu at 6.20 a.m.

At about 7 a.m. as it was passing over the "fork" just before Fanling Station, the five rear carriages suddenly switched off towards the side track and left the rails, giving the passengers, mostly first and second class, a severe shaking.

Owing to the alertness of the engine crew the train was brought to a halt and, fortunately, none of the carriages overturned.

Traffic was held up, but before nightfall it was resumed, the line having been cleared.

ing vessel Meco who showed the greatest disregard for personal safety in rescuing survivors from the oil tanker Telena after it had been attacked and set on fire by an enemy submarine near the Spanish coast last May. — British Wireless.

FORD'S "STRONG ARM SQUADS"

The Ford Motor Company has used hired thugs to terrorise its workers to prevent their joining a Trade Union, reveals a report just issued by the National Labour Relations Board in the U.S.A.

The Board has now taken prompt action to put an end to these abuses. This will make easier the task of United Automobile Workers (a C.I.O. Union), who are out to organise Ford's this year.

After investigating conditions in the Ford works at Dallas, Texas, says the B.U.P., the Board reported:

"The company organised a strong arm squad to put the fear of God not only into any Union organiser who might come to Dallas, but also any employee with a sympathetic attitude towards a Union of Ford employees."

Had Whips

"This squad consisted of employees of large stature and unusual muscular development, and who had constituted the company's champion tug-of-war team."

"They were supplied with blackjacks manufactured in the plant, whips, lengths of hose, and similar weapons. They were stationed at different points throughout the city, were given free use of company cars, and were afforded free access to the plant at all hours."

The report cited 25 cases of severe beatings, some administered to employees merely on the suspicion that they favoured the idea of a trade union.

The Board also found that money for paying fines, lawyers' fees, bail, and wire-tapping expenses incurred by the strong-arm squad were extorted from the company's employees.

The system was simple. A bowl was placed near the time-clock, and members of the strong-arm squad stood guard and told workers to "hit the jar and hit it plenty" as they passed out.

The company, says the report, also used "inside squads" of 15 to 24 men to act as informers and sound out union sentiment among the men.

The Board found that the activities of the company at Dallas were carried on with the approval of head office at Dearborn, Michigan.

The National Labour Relations Board ordered the Ford company to:

- (1) End the use of physical violence to discourage any trade union activity among any of its employees at all its plants.
 - (2) Stop compelling its employees to contribute cash toward the support of any anti-union campaign.
 - (3) Cease its spying activities and cease breaking up meetings or public gatherings of its employees.
 - (4) Issue written instructions to its Dallas employees forbidding them to make, store, or carry into the works weapons designed to discourage workers from joining the United Automobile Workers' Union or any other labour organisation.
 - (5) Post notices at all its plants in the United States for a period of at least 60 days that it will cease these unfair labour practices.
 - (6) Reinstate an employee who was dismissed for union sympathies.
- The decision of the Labour Board is one of the most severe ever issued against a great corporation.
- The Ford Company in the United States, of course, recently refused to make aeroplane engines for Britain.

AIRY NOTHINGS FROM BREMEN

Bremen, in its English broadcast description of one day's air raids, lived up to its well-earned reputation as a producer of colourful fiction. A comparison of "Lord Haw Haw's" fantasy with the facts is instructive and amusing.

"Whereas this morning German bombers encountered slight British fighter forces, which were practically all shot down, bombing raids were carried out against military objectives in the vicinity of London during the course of the afternoon without any fighter defence being encountered."

The Facts: British fighters brought down forty enemy planes during the day.

"Also the activity of the anti-aircraft batteries was slight and the firing poor."

The Facts: British anti-aircraft guns brought down five raiders.

"It is believed that as the result of the large number of enemy planes shot down during the past weeks the British fighter defences have been greatly weakened."

The Facts: British air strength in all branches is greater than when the air offensive began.

BRITAIN'S POWER

"Germany cannot win the war unless she lands in this island and makes us hold up our hands."

"No terror, no murdering of civilians, or destruction of churches and hospitals, will ever drive our people to surrender," said Lord Croft, Under-Secretary for War, addressing Canadian soldiers yesterday.

"But we want more than that. If the Germans do not come, we will go to them. In which field, no man can yet say, but somewhere east, west, or north there is a flank to turn or a front to be pierced and since the armies of the Empire are of the same stuff as our seamen and airmen, when the opportunity arises it will be the same triumph of mind over mass, the same vindication of freedom over slaves." — British Wireless.

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No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements				Contents in sq. ft.	Annual Rent	Upset Price
			N.	S.	E.	W.			
1	New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 2832.	Castle Peak Road between Wing Lung St. and Tonkin St., Cheung Sha Wan.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	As per sale plan	About 23,100.	\$17,325

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No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements				Contents in sq. ft.	Annual Rent	Upset Price
			N.	S.	E.	W.			
2	Inland Lot No. 6870.	Po Shan Road.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	As per sale plan	About 10,000	\$5,000

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BRIDGE NOTES

SUIT PREFERENCE SIGNAL

By The Four Aces

"We have heard, vaguely," writes Mrs. N. A. C., of St. Louis, Missouri, "of a signal to cover cases like this, but we've never understood it properly. Anyway, here's what happened:

South, Dealer
Neither side vulnerable
 ♠ A 10 3 2
♥ K 7 5
♦ K J 10 4
♣ Q 6
 ♠ 8 8 4
♥ 2
♦ Q 8 3 2
♣ J 10 9 7
 ♠ N
♥ W
♦ E
♣ S
 ♠ A 10 8 6
♥ 4 3
♦ A 6
♣ 8 4 3 2
 ♠ K J 9 7 5
♥ Q J 9
♦ 7 5
♣ A K 5

The bidding:

South West North East
1♠ Pass 3♠ Pass
4♠ Pass 5♠ Pass

"West opened the deuce of hearts, and East took the Ace and returned another one for West to ruff. West then had to guess how to give East the lead once again, and chose the Jack of clubs.

"That gave South the lead, and he drew trumps as fast as he could. Later on, he guessed the diamond finesse and made his contract.

"Now what we want to know is this: How could West have known which suit would give her partner the lead?"

There is a special signal for cases like this. East should return the ten of hearts.

Now, West knows that her partner has hearts lower than the ten—why was the ten chosen? To indicate that the entry is in the high rather than the low suit.

For, in such situations, a trump lead is out of the question, and only two suits need be considered. Returning a low card indicates a side entry. In the low-ranking suit; returning a high card shows an entry in the high-ranking suit.

Yesterday you were Howard Schenken's partner and, non-vulnerable against vulnerable opponents, you held:

♠ K 6 3
♥ K Q 8 5
♦ K J 9 7 5
♣ 4

The bidding:
Schenken Jacoby You Maler
1♥ Dbl. (?) 4-4



The mentally sketchy girlfriend thinks when her beau declares he's learning where to draw the line he's gone in seriously for art.

ANSWER: Redouble. Your Kings are probably behind the doubler's Aces, and your excellent heart support practically assures a game in that suit. A heart raise at your next turn will show that you redoubled with the intention of getting to game at hearts. Score 100% for redouble, 0 for any other bid.

Question No. 553.

To-day you are Oswald Jacoby's partner and, non-vulnerable against vulnerable opponents, you hold:

♠ 7 4
♥ Q J 9 7 3
♦ 9 8 6 3 2
♣ 5

The bidding:

Jacoby Maler You Schenken
1♥ Dbl. (?) 4-4
What do you bid? (Answer)

To-morrow, (Released by The Bell Syndicate, Inc.)

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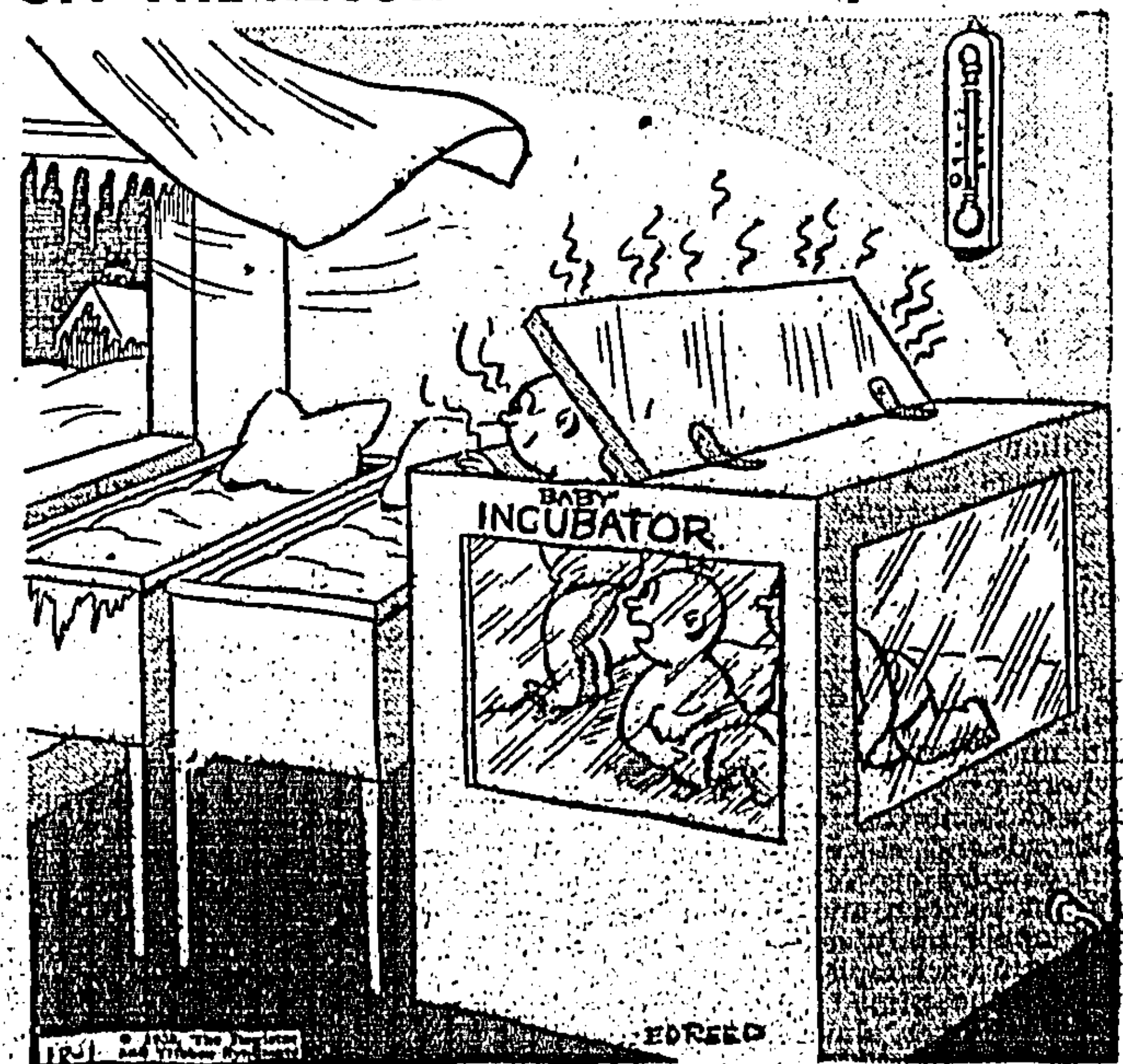
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CRICKET TEAMS

Following are some cricket teams for to-morrow's matches: C.S.C.C. 1st XI v H.K.C.C. (away): J. E. Richardson, W. Colledge, A. B. Perry, D. MacLellan, S. Booker, T. V. Fortescue, J. Attwell, R. H. Griffiths, D. Hollidge, L. Whitley and N. L. Smith.

C.S.C.C. 2nd XI v P.R.C. (home): H. E. Strange, A. F. Sheppard, F. H. Lawrence, O. Ainslie, C. Stone, D. Davidson, A. Watson, J. Barrow, J. F. MacGowan, J. Mitchell and R. G. Robertson.

I.R.C. 2nd XI v K.C.C. (away): A. H. Ismail, M. I. Razaek, A. el Arcuili, O. el Arcuili, A. M. J. Rumfah, J. M. A. Rumfah, S. A. Currcen, A. Rabin, T. Ahmed, B. el Arcuili and A. N. Other.

P.R.C. v C.S.C.C. (away): A. E. Carey, C. Pope, W. L. Clarke, A. Kirby, J. Shepherd, H. Danbrowsky, A. Estall, J. Aitken, J. Lewis, E. G. Post and A. Billingham.

Reserves: H. Tyler, K. M. McLeod and W. Fyffe.

K.C.C. 1st XI v I.R.C. (at Sookun-poo): E. C. Fincher (Capt.), N. D. Lloyd, D. J. N. Anderson, W. Rapley, A. Zimmermann, E. F. Fincher, F. R. Zimmermann, R. T. Broadbridge, D. Hung, T. A. Madar and L. R. Burch.

K.C.C. 2nd XI v I.R.C. (at home): S. A. Gray (Capt.), R. Baldwin, G. A. Goodban, E. Curtis, H. Brokenshire, K. M. Baxter, Major Parsons, R. J. Fenton, J. R. Luke, F. Crabb and J. W. Bertram.

CRICKET AT C.S.C.C.

A cricket match has been arranged between the Rest of the Civil Service Cricket Club and Bowlers of the Club, to be played on Sunday, commencing at 2.30 p.m.

Following are the teams: Lawn Bowlers: H. E. Strange, H. F. Harper, A. Sheppard, V. Ebbage, J. Gellatly, W. Hillyer, M. E. Purvis, T. Siddon, C. Strange, C. J. Walker and P. D. Crawley.

The Rest: F. E. Lawrence, J. A. Bendall, N. J. Skinner, L. D. Skinner, R. Lawrence, F. Haynes, I. Agafuroff, B. Agafuroff, H. P. Cunningham, V. J. Millington and J. T. Tracey.

TWO EXEMPTED

Two of the United States Navy Reservists in Hong Kong who had been recalled for active service have now been exempted on grounds of ill-health, the "China Mail" learned this afternoon.

They are E. R. "Red" Sammens, manager of Gingle's Cafe, Wanchai, and William Gunn, Jr.



GOLF STARTING TIMES

Following are the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club starting times for Fanling on Sunday:

OLD COURSE

9.10 a.m.	C. W. E. Bishop, F. A. Redmond.
9.20 ..	K. S. Morrison, I. H. Geare.
9.24 ..	A. Sommerfelt, T. E. Pearce.
9.28 ..	J. Harrop, G. Thomerson.
9.32 ..	A. Pollock, A. Nicol.
9.36 ..	R. P. Morris, H. A. Mills.
9.40 ..	Capt. Roberts, L. D. McNicol.
9.44 ..	W. Hewitt, S. L. Lloyd.
9.48 ..	J. A. D. Morrison, I. H. C. Highet.
9.52 ..	T. J. J. Fenwick, F. G. Walker.
9.56 ..	R. H. Gregory, A. D. Humphreys.
10.00 ..	Comdr. Hole, J. Linaker.
10.04 ..	A. J. Dennis, D. Humphreys.
10.08 ..	R. K. Collings, S. Tomlinson.
10.12 ..	Capt. Thursby, F. A. M. Elliott.
10.16 ..	R. Young, G. C. Worrall.
10.20 ..	General Sutton, F. D. Hunter.
10.24 ..	E. T. McMullen, J. L. C. Pearce.
10.28 ..	A. H. McBride, D. S. Edwards.
10.32 ..	H. H. Mundy, W. A. Stewart.
10.36 ..	P. E. Annis, J. W. Clague.
10.40 ..	A. T. Dow, E. L. Groome.
10.44 ..	W. N. A. Smalley, W. S. Hillier.
10.48 ..	A. C. Meredith, E. P. Streetfield.
10.52 ..	A. N. and Q. A. A. Macfadyen.
10.56 ..	S. A. Sleep, D. Black.
11.00 ..	A. McKellar, T. Megarry.
11.04 ..	K. S. Robertson, W. W. C. Shewan.
11.08 ..	R. H. Griffith, J. Hackney.
11.12 ..	W. R. Mansfield, A. V. Greaves.
11.16 ..	F. Buckle, W. F. Kerr.
11.20 ..	E. G. Price, T. Low.
11.24 ..	D. C. Lorraine, Capt. Drew Wilkinson.
11.28 ..	G. T. Harrington, Major Temple.

NEW COURSE

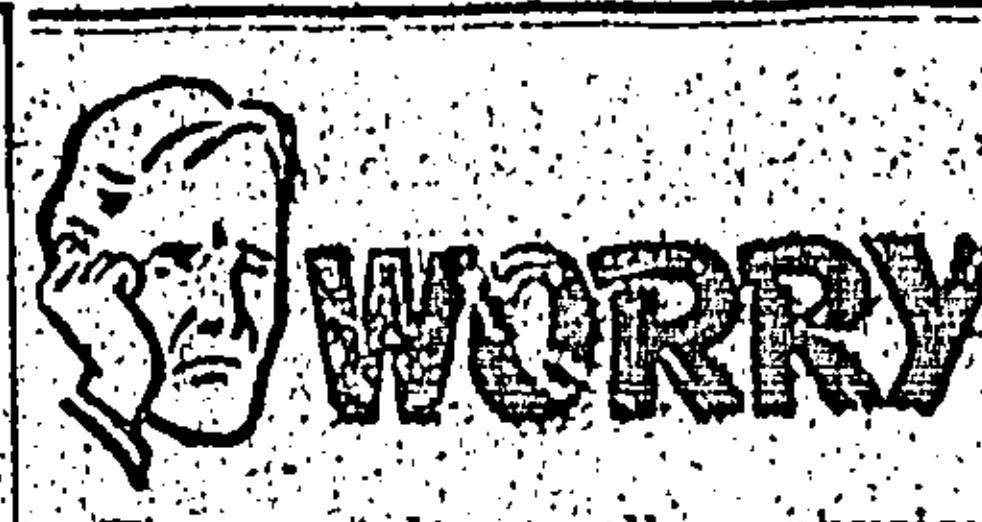
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2.15 p.m.—Close down.

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6.32 p.m.—Variety.

7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

7.15 p.m.—London Relay—Topical Talks.

7.30 p.m.—Marek Weber and His Orchestra.

8.03 p.m.—Studio—Recital by Gaston D'Aquino (Tenor) with E. O'Neill Shaw at the Piano.

1. (a) Cielo e mar ("La Gioconda" Fenchelli); (b) Serenata ("Pagliacci"—Leoncavallo) ... Gaston D'Aquino with Piano accomp.

2. (a) La maison grise ("Fortunio"—Messager); (b) Canguia, canguia (Fasolo) ... Gaston D'Aquino with Piano accomp.

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4. (a) Napulitanata, (Mario Costa); (b) Mamma mia, che vo sape (Nuttie) ... Gaston D'Aquino with Piano accomp.

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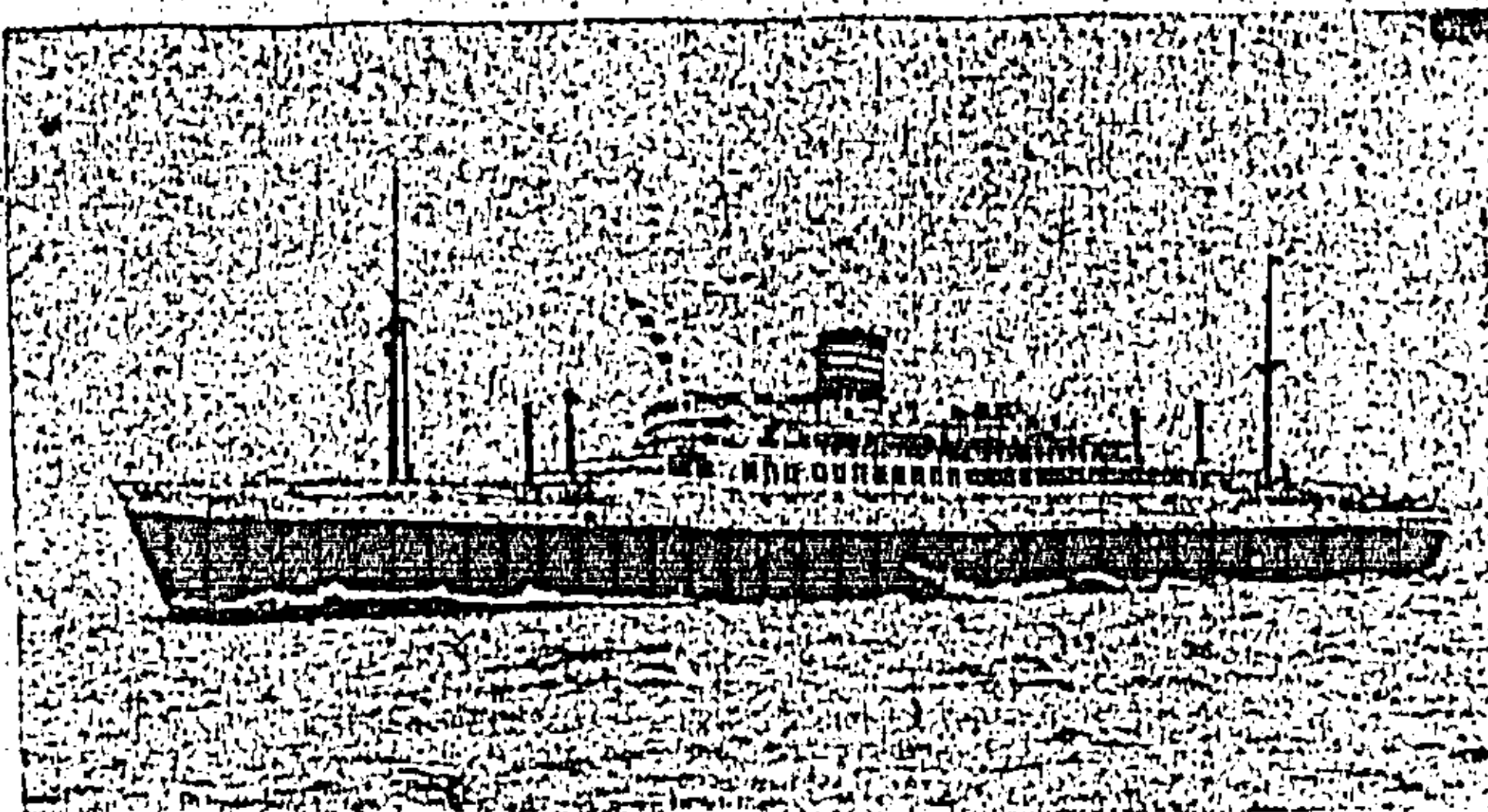
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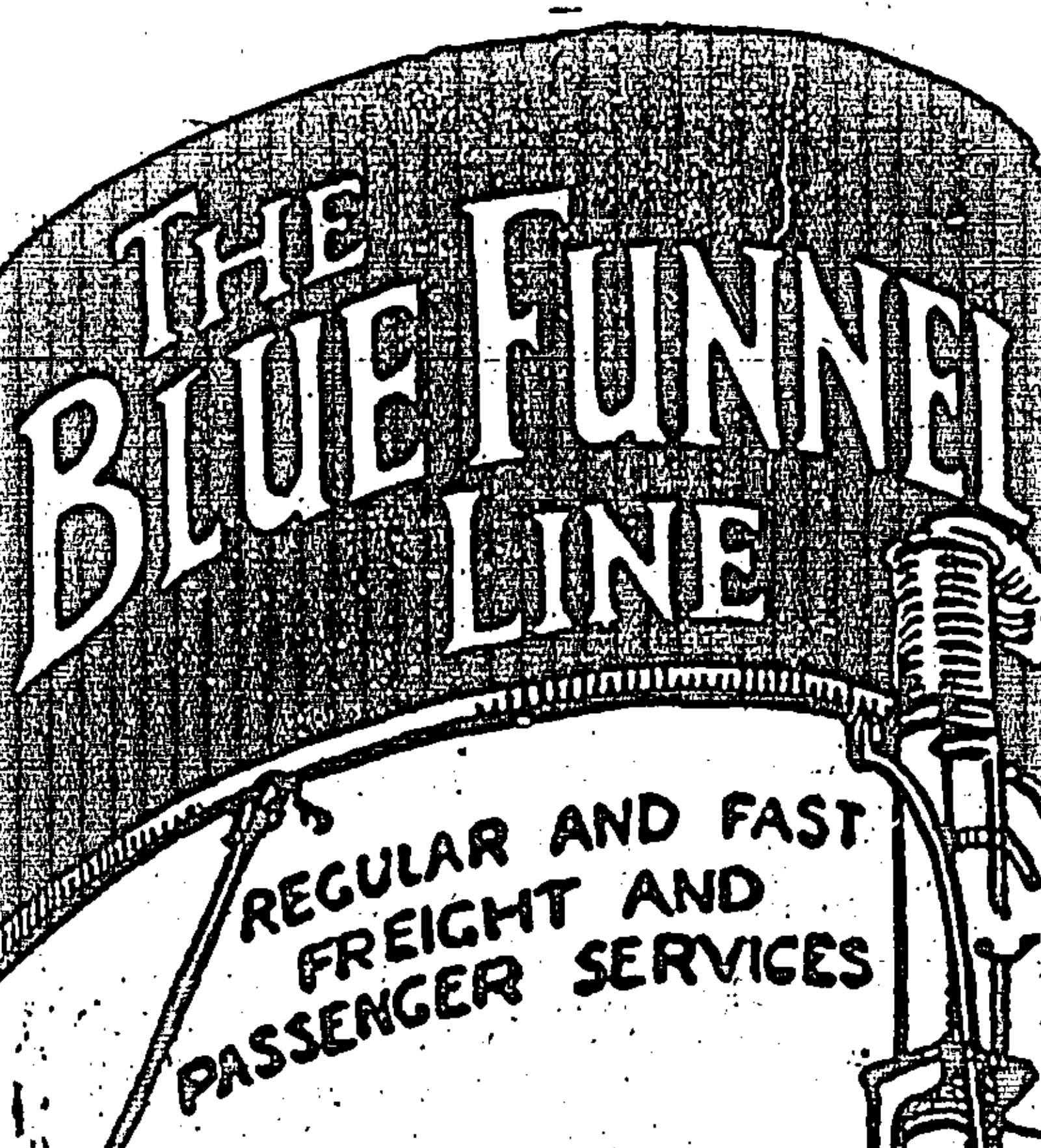
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SAPPER IS EXPECTED TO TURN TABLES ON FAR VIEW

Longer Distance Suits It Better MR. BLACK TO RIDE CONFUSION BAY ONCE AGAIN

(By "Rapier")

THERE IS EVERY reason to anticipate that glorious conditions for racing will prevail to-morrow when Hong Kong Jockey Club stage their Tenth Extra Race Meeting, the first saddling bell for which will be rung at 1.30 p.m. There are altogether eight events on the programme, the most interesting of which is the Fremantle St. Leger for Australian Subscription ponies of this season over 1 3/4 miles.

Race No. 1. NORFOLK HANDICAP (FIRST SECTION): ONE MILE

The day's programme opens with a race over the mile for first section "C" Class China ponies to be ridden by Novice Jockeys. Just in Time will be taken out by Master Li, who will be riding his father's pony for the first time in racing, but as it has been given top-weight of 168 lb. I am going to rule it out of my reckoning. Eve of Dancing which was fourth in the Kwangtung Handicap ridden by Mr. Chattey over the two mile post distance at the last meeting, if taken out by Mr. Wood, is my choice for this race. There is Blue Gate however to be reckoned with, as it ran third in the above race with Mr. Chang up and, as it will probably be Mr. K. W. Fung's mount to-morrow, it should be very near at the finish.

Musketeer (Mr. Yeung Wing-kwai) is a speedy animal and if given a runaway start it will be hard to overhaul. Rose Evelyn (Mr. Coppin) should not be disregarded as these two combine very well. Strathbannock (Mr. Chattey) is very lightly treated and may spring a surprise to pay out another big dividend. Advancing Time will be ridden by its old friend Mr. Ho Hong-ping, and as they have done well together hitherto it will probably be placed. I make the first three Eve of Dancing, Blue Gate, Musketeer.

Race No. 2. SUSSEX HANDICAP (FIRST SECTION): SIX FURLONGS

This race is confined to first section "B" Class China ponies. After winning the Wyndham Handicap (1-1/4 miles) at the last meeting Avon (Mr. Black) has been penalised 11lb. This may seem a heavy impost, but the pony is now in fine form, and it will be a surprise if it should fail to account for this event to-morrow. The only danger will come from Conquering Time (Mr. Wei), which was third in the Austin Handicap (First Section) over the mile at the Eighth Extra Meeting, and as it has only been penalised 3 lb., coupled with the shorter distance, it should give Avon a good fight for first position if it does not actually win.

Hopeful Star (Mr. Hearne) was third in the Tweed Island Bay Handicap, but failed to gain a place in the above race with Conquering Time. However, it should do better over this sprint event to-morrow. Humdrum Eve (Mr. Pih) ran unplaced the last time out, but will also probably do better over this distance.

Mr. Poy has the choice on either Ronson or Rose Emily, and he will probably take out Ronson, which is better over this distance. Lilliber will be taken out by Mr. Chao, and as this pony has been improving since its last outing, it should be borne in mind.

The first place will probably be fought out between Avon and Conquering Time, with Hopeful Star third.

Race No. 3. FREMANTLE ST. LEGER: 1 3/4 MILES.

Regarded as one of the most important events of the local racing season, with a handsome prize of \$1,000.00 at stake, this race should result in a gruelling contest between the following ponies:—

Far View (Mr. Pih)
Sapper (Mr. Black)
Australian Diamond (Mr. Wei)

Amicus Curiae (Mr. Chao).

Far View had the better of Sapper in the Diamond Bay Handicap over the mile at the Eighth Extra Meeting, and in view of its superiority over Sapper in the Rooter-Hill Derby over 1-1/2 miles it will command strong support in the betting. Good as Far View is, however, I am of the opinion that it will not be good enough to win to-morrow over the longer distance. Sapper, although defeated by the above pony, will probably turn the tables on Far View as the distance is more suitable to this pony.

Australian Diamond won the Australian ponies Autumn Plate (1-1/4 miles) at the Seventh Extra Meeting, but was not opposed by the above two ponies. It won easily in 2.12 carrying 154 lb., and as it will be carrying 4 lb. less to-morrow, an upset in this direction is possible. Then there is Amicus Curiae, winner of the Brisbane Spring Handicap over two miles with Mr. Tao up at the Third Extra Meeting. It should also be in the running if it can produce the same form.

However, taking everything into consideration, I nominate Sapper to win, with Far View second and Australian Diamond third.

Race No. 4. QUEENSLAND HANDICAP: TWO MILES.

This is another long distance race and is confined to "C" Class Australian ponies. After its surprise win in the Ballarat Handicap over 1-1/4 miles, Cheerful Star (Mr. Tao) has been penalised 5 lb., but it will naturally command the most support, and I think over this longer distance, despite the extra weight, it should win again. Piccadilly Jim has changed hands since its last run behind Cheerful Star, and as it will be ridden by Mr. Chao to-morrow, with a pound less, it may give a better account of itself in this longer run and may even reverse its last defeat.

Centre Court (Mr. Sung), which was third last time out, has had its weight reduced 5 lb. and may do better in view of the longer distance. Warrego River (Mr. Black) since winning the Williamstown Handicap for "D" Class ponies has been promoted. It will be running with another 7 lb. penalty to-morrow. Although entered at the last meeting, it did not compete as its owners reserved it for this long distance race, and, judging from its last performance, I think it should give the above three ponies a good run for first position. Shut-lecock (Mr. Hearne) is in fine fettle at the moment, but I think the distance is a bit too long for its liking.

My nomination is Cheerful Star for the first position, with Warrego River second and Piccadilly Jim third.

Race No. 5. ESSEX HANDICAP: ONE MILE.

In this first leg of the "Daily Double," which will be contested by "A" Class China ponies, punters are presented with a distinctly difficult problem to solve.

Clember has not been raced since its last outing when it won the St. George's Plate over the Champions distance carrying top weight of 163 lb. In view of its long absence, there-fore, I think it should be disregarded

CONFUSION BAY THROWS ITS RIDER

(By "Rapier")

Entered for the Essex Handicap, to be run to-morrow, Confusion Bay this morning threw Mr. S. L. Sung, first string jockey of Mr. T. K. Li's stable in the absence of Mr. Nedda, who is still up North.

The pony ran towards the 1-1/2 mile post and then returned to be caught by the Russian boy from the same stable.

Mr. Sung was not hurt, but the pony was later taken out by another Russian boy to complete its track work.

It as it has not done anything in its track work and will have 164 lb. to carry.

Mr. T. K. Li has three entries in Confusion Bay, Dupont Bay and O-Lan. I have been given to understand that Mr. Black will have his old favourite, Confusion Bay, as his mount in this race and Mr. Sung will take out Dupont Bay, winner of the Hong Kong Griffins Cup, and so give O-Lan a rest for the Griffins St. Leger. Confusion Bay, judging from its past performances, stands a good chance of winning. But should it fail, its stablemate Dupont Bay also has a chance in view of its last win over the 1-1/4 miles distance.

Craigavad proved a disappointment when it finished third in the October Handicap. It will be taken out by Mr. Pih, and I am inclined to believe that to-morrow, in view of the shorter distance, it should give Mr. Li's nominations a good fight for first position, if it does not actually win.

The shorter distance is also more to Distinctive Time's liking, and as it will be carrying only 142 lb. an upset here is not out of the question. Gay Star has only 140 lb. to handle to-morrow, and although it ran badly last time out, it may redeem itself in this race as it will be taken out by Mr. Hearne instead of Mr. Tao.

Johnber (Mr. Chao) was very unfortunate during the race at the last meeting, when its leather strap burst when coming down the straight and when the pony was in second position. It may do better to-morrow.

I nominate Confusion Bay to win with Craigavad second and Distinctive Time third.

Race No. 6. QUEENSLIFF HANDICAP: SIX FURLONGS

A perusal of the entries in this race, reserved for "D" Class Australian ponies, gives me the impression that if its stable connections should start it in this race instead of the Fremantle St. Leger, one need not look further than Catterick Bridge, if ridden by Mr. Hearne and despite the fact it will be carrying top-weight of 165 lb., to win. The pony to watch, however, is Heinz, which was third in the Port Phillip Handicap won by A Green Time. This pony will again be ridden by Mr. Black and should give Catterick Bridge a keen fight at the end.

There is also Tarzan (Mr. Hoo Pak-ming), which will have an allowance of 5 lb., to be considered, as this pony is quite capable of winning with its light impost. Colorado Star (Mr. Davis) also looks dangerous here, with 140 lb. to handle as this pony was third to Warrego River in the Williamstown Handicap over a mile.

Grand Allegiance (Mr. Pih) has

BOWLING ALLEY JOTTINGS

By "STRIKE"

THE first match in the First Round of the Ewo Indoor Bowling League was played off last Saturday. The match was a three game match between Argonauts and Buglers, and resulted, as was expected, in a win for the Argonauts by 129 pins, individual scores being as follows:

ARGONAUTS	BUGLERS
A. Cleggett 481	H. B. Wilkins 473
G. Birkett 471	N. Neate 429
D. Hall 471	J. D. McLaren 406
S. A. Ismail 412	W. Wathen 398
1835	1706

All players bowled below their usual standard. The highest score of the match was registered by Cleggett for the Argonauts, who is practically a newcomer to match play, but who has amassed good scores on several occasions in ordinary games.



been given 135 lb. to carry, but as this pony is so unreliable in its outings I can hardly recommend it for a win. A ticket each way on this combination to-morrow may, however, turn out to be a good investment.

My nomination is Catterick Bridge to win, with Heinz second and Tarzan third.

Race No. 7. NORFOLK HANDICAP (SECOND SECTION): ONE MILE

The second leg of the "Daily Double" will be decided on the result of this race, in which second section "C" Class China ponies will participate, with Novice jockeys again figuring.

Galveston Bay (Mr. Yeung Wing-kwai) came in third to Victoria in the Yunnan Handicap (Second Section) over the two mile post distance, ridden by Mr. Nedda, and although it ran unplaced the last time out it should win this race. But it will meet with strong opposition from Eve of Hunting (Mr. Wood), which won the Hunan Handicap over 1-1/4 miles with Mr. Craven up.

Mr. S. W. Lee has the choice on either Boolat Bay or Emergency Unit, and whichever one he decides to take out should be prominent at the finish. There is also Rose Fiana (Mr. Sequeira) to be reckoned with as this pony was fourth to Galveston Bay in the Yunnan Handicap (Second Section) when carrying 168 lb., and with Mr. Poy up. For a long shot I recommend Soldier of Britain with Mr. Chiu Ki-fan up. This pony is good enough to cause an upset here. Galveston Bay is my choice for a win, with Eve of Hunting second and Rose Fiana third.

Race No. 8. SUSSEX HANDICAP (SECOND SECTION): SIX FURLONGS

The final race of the day is confined to second section "B" Class China ponies.

Peaceful View (Mr. Pih) won the Austin Handicap (Second Section) at the Eighth Extra Meeting over the mile when carrying 142 lb., and for to-morrow its weight is 4 lb. more. I think it should win again as the distance is shorter. There are Hillsboro Bay (Mr. Sung) and Thirty Six (Mr. Chao), winner of the Yunnan Handicap and the Kwangtung Handicap respectively, to be reckoned with, as these two ponies are also fast over sprint distances, although they have only been recently promoted.

Lancashire Lass will be taken out by Mr. Black and, although it has not had a win to its credit for a long while, it may show up to-morrow. Expansion Time (Mr. Wei) should not be disregarded as it is quite capable of causing an upset here. Rob Roy (Mr. Poy) and Potentate (Mr. P. P. Botelho), from the Eu Tong-sen stable, will also have a say over this distance as they are good enough to extend the above ponies if they have regained some of their old form.

I nominate Peaceful View to win, with Expansion Time second and Rob Roy third.

WELL BELOW FORM

A FRIENDLY game was played on Tuesday (during the Black-out) between Molthen and Hearther and Blount and Watts. None of the four players returned outstanding scores.

On this occasion Watts and Blount won by 67 pins, the scores being as follows:

Corp. Watts 845	Ernie Hearther 806
Corp. Blount 831	Doc Molthen 803
1676	1609

Strange as it may seem when four good bowlers like Blount, Watts, Hearther and Molthen meet, there was only one score of 200 or over made, and this was made by Hearther on his fourth game. He scored a good 211, but it is hard to understand, and is really beyond my comprehension, how a good bowler of Hearther's standing could drop to a 124 and 122, which he made on his second and third games. These are probably the lowest scores he has ever put up in a match game.

BISCHOFF ON TOP

THE match between Asheville first team and Asheville Engineers resulted in a win for the latter team by 141 pins, the individual scores being as follows:

ASHEVILLE ENGINEERS	ASHEVILLE FIRST TEAM
C. J. Fleming 720	A. J. Bischoff 747
Joe Harvey 657	J. W. Hinz 615
C. E. Ewing 621	E. L. Wood 495
1898	1857

There was no doubt about the poor quality of bowling all round and this was no doubt due to the fact that windows, doors, etc., were blacked-out, and visibility was not too good.

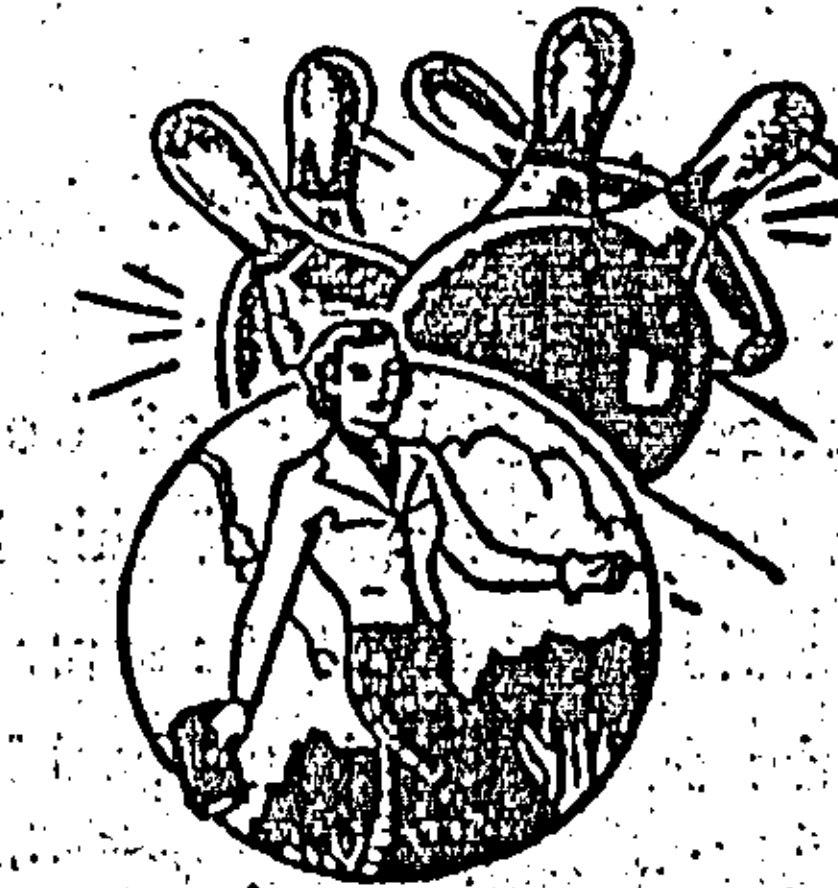
It is a long time since I have seen such lowly scoring.

SIGNALS WIN

ON Thursday, October 24, a five game Duck Pin match, which was originally intended to be played between the Alley Duck Pin Team and our old friends U.S.S. Mindanao had to be postponed owing to Naval, Military and Volunteer duties, but Mindanao put out a team and the Royal Corps of Signals played them instead.

On this occasion Royal Signals won very comfortably by 356 pins, individual scores being as follows:

SIGNALS	MINDANAO
J. H. Watts 551	T. A. Slater 432
A. Cleggett 504	R. E. Skiver 431
H. B. Wilkins 478	C. E. Vaughan 418
D. H. Hall 423	W. H. Edwards 319
1956	1600



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DISAPPOINTINGLY SMALL CROWDS AT SHIELD ENCOUNTERS

By "Skip"

Considering that a programme of four matches was provided, the attendance at the Gutierrez International Shield matches at Craigengower last Saturday was very disappointing, although many more turned up for the semi-finals the following day.

On Saturday the only upset, if such it can be called, was the defeat of Australia at the hands of the Philippines. The latter were much too good for the opposition of whom I thought Bill Way, on his own green, was very disappointing, with the result that Jimmy Kew, who drew some spectacular shots, and Teddy Fincher, were always fighting an uphill battle.

I indicated a win for Ireland, but it was not until the very last bowl had been delivered that I was proved right. The Irish team pulled up exceptionally well after trailing all the way and being led 17-8 with only four or five ends to go. But they had a lead of a couple of shots when the last head began.

Rosset's Problem

And what is more they lay a bunch before Joe Landolt drew the first shot.

Charlie Rosset was set a problem. He could either drive the jack through and secure a big enough count, or else try to draw with his first. Had he succeeded in the latter—and he was drawing very well until these last few ends—he would probably have tried to put another one in.

He chose to drive, with both woods and found the same port each time.

Wales were never conceded a hope against England, but actually her players surprised me—especially Ogden, who has not, as yet, an outstanding reputation. Younghusband played well and was probably inspired by his first two woods, which both scored when the Englishmen were counting three. A great start! Perkins was steady as lead for the winners, but none of the others were outstanding.

Duncan Prominent

The best standard of bowling was seen in the game between India and Scotland, which the former won by a singleton. Bob

Duncan was the hero of the day, and he saved his side repeatedly, some of his drawing being nothing short of uncanny—I almost wrote miraculous!

Willie McLeod and Bob Morrison were beating the two Rumjahnns most of the time, and it was left to the Omars to retrieve the situation.

"K.M." especially rarely failed in this but with Duncan altering the subsequent lay so often, "U. M." had plenty to do—and was not found wanting.

Semi-Finals

The semi-finals at Kowloon Cricket Club on Sunday proved much more one-sided than was expected, England beating Philippines quite comfortably after an even start and India proving much too strong for Ireland.

K. M. Omar was not nearly as good as on the previous day, but the lead and No. 2 did better, though the opposition was not so deadly. The elder Omar was the best man on view, but I was disappointed in Lockhart, who could not find his touch at all, whilst his instructions—or lack of them—did not suit the critics on the bank.

England's Win

After the latter had led 10-5, England and Philippines were 10-11 at the 12th, which gives an idea of how things were going, but when the England team got really going there was only one team in it. Atienza played some excellent woods, but Dick Bass was even better, whilst Sherri and Hall, their respective opponents, also "did their stuff," especially towards the finish.

Perkins was again steady, but as a pair the two Castros had the better of the winners' lead and No. 2.

Kowloon Cricket Club will hold its annual intra-club bowls match on Sunday when the over forties will meet the under forties. Play will start at 10 a.m.

K.M. OMAR NEW C.C.C. CHAMPION

K. M. Omar won the Craigengower Cricket Club Singles Lawn Bowls title during the week as the result of a walk-over from U. M. Omar.

Y.M.C.A. LOSE TO H.K.S.R.A. AT HOCKEY

AT KING'S PARK YESTERDAY AFTERNOON, Y.M.C.A. SENIORS WERE DEFEATED BY A TEAM FROM H.K.S.R.A. BY TWO CLEAR GOALS IN A FRIENDLY HOCKEY MATCH. THE WINNERS LED 1-0 AT THE INTERVAL.

Dunne, inside-left, was the best in the losers' attack, and Spence played a sound game on the right-wing. Waldron was the pick of the intermediate line, while Benwell saved well between the sticks.

For the winners, Nur Khan and Mohd Yusaf, who each scored, were the most outstanding players on the field.

Y.M.C.A.—Benwell, Jordan and Smiths; Croft, Pennington and Waldron; Spence; Ure, Colledge, Dunne and Irson.

H.K.S.R.A.—Mohd Fazal, Mohd Yusaf and Mashan Singh; Gajjan Singh, Draz Khan and Mohd Nawaz; Mumtaz Ali, Pyara Singh, Kishan Singh, Gurdas Singh and Nur Khan.

ROYALS BEAT R.E.

In a friendly hockey match at Sookumpoo yesterday, Royal Scots beat Royal Engineers by 4 goals to 2 after leading at the interval by the odd goal in three.

Blackburn, Cornwall, Fargas and Wilkes scored for Royals and Twomey and Fishlock for Sappers.

C.C.C. MEETING

An increase in the monthly subscription by \$1, making it \$3, was approved at the annual meeting of Craigengower Cricket Club yesterday. Mr. C. S. Rosset presided in the absence of Mr. B. W. Bradbury, president.

The meeting unanimously approved that Messrs. L. E. Lamert and R. Pestonji be elected Life Members. Addressing the meeting, Mr. Lamert recalled that he joined the Club on its inception in 1894 and had thus beaten Mr. Pestonji by one year.

Following office-bearers were appointed: President, Mr. B. W. Bradbury; Vice-President, Mr. C. S. Rosset; Hon. Secretary, Mr. E. Zimmermann; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. H. W. Randall; Committee, Messrs. L. C. R. Souza, A. E. Coates, W. K. Way, Dr. N. P. Karanjia, L. E. Lamert, W. O. Nodes, J. Leonard, Dr. V. N. Atienza.

Convenors—Bowls, Mr. L. C. R. Souza; Tennis, Mr. J. W. Leonard; Bar, Mr. W. O. Nodes; House Committee, Mr. W. K. Way; Social Committee, Mr. A. E. Coates; Cricket—Captain, 1st XI, E. Zimmermann; Vice-Captain, G. Souza; Captain, 2nd XI, A. M. Omar; Vice-Captain, B. R. Iranee.

POLICE SOCCER WIN OVER R.A.F.

Police second eleven entertained and beat Royal Air Force in a friendly football match at Boundary Street yesterday afternoon by 4 goals to 1 after leading 3-1 at the end of the first period.

Police scored their goals through Pope, Wong Man-kwai, Kong Hing and Lau Hing-cho, while Richardson scored for R.A.F.

Pay Section Eliminated

BILL SIMPSON EMPLOYS THE RIGHT TACTICS

By "Skip"

FOUR MORE MATCHES IN THE "CHINA MAIL" CHALLENGE CUP COMPETITION WERE PLAYED OVER THE WEEK-END AND THERE WERE ONE OR TWO SURPRISING RESULTS, THE ELIMINATION OF THE PAY SECTION BEING THE CHIEF ONE, I THOUGHT.

Third Battery played their first game to date and after a good recovery put out Scottish Company's "E" rink, composed of members of the Kowloon Dock platoon. As both the first battery teams won they can be said to be going great guns.

Progress has been slow to date and few matches are due for decision this week-end, but on November 10 there will be a full programme, possibly morning and afternoon as the Final is scheduled to be played on the afternoon of November 17. The programme for this week has been announced, and next week's will be issued earlier in the week, and it is hoped that it will be strictly adhered to.

Field Engineers' "B" were the conquerors of Pay Section, who on their previous form looked more than useful. But Bill Simpson employed the right tactics in playing an aggressive game as the first two pay men were drawing well to the jack, and the jack was not infrequently difficult to move by methods other than those of the demolition variety.

Bert Muskett, who used to play such a sound game for the Hong Kong Electric team, was right off his game, and Rakusen found his task too hard.

Walker Excels

Willie Walker was the star turn of the game between Third Battery and No. 2 "E" and he put hardly one wasted wood down, saving repeatedly early on when the Dock men were usually counting three or more when he went down to bowl, and adding his quota subsequently. Charlie Thom did quite well as skip, an usual position for him, but Willie Tillery was the surprise man of the side, his form being excellent considering his infrequent appearances on the green.

Thom, who by the way has not yet the rank which his initials would seem to indicate, excelled himself at the 16th and 17th heads, when the Gunners had taken the lead for the first time. He out-drew Walker for one shot first of all and then added a couple at the next head to regain the ascendancy. But the Artillerymen secured eight in the last three heads to record a worthy win.

1st Battery Surprised

First Battery "B" again surprised me by eliminating No. 5 Company "B" after an exciting finish as one could wish for, the scores being knotted, as the baseball scribes call it, at the 20th.

Botelho was lying one shot when he went down to bowl and

SCHOOL-BOY LEAGUE

Ten school teams have already entered for the Kowloon Inter-School Small Boys' Miniature Football League, sponsored by the Children's Playgrounds Association, Hong Kong.

The teams are:—Wah Yan College, The Primary School of Canton University, Munsang College, Kowloon English College, National English School, Tak Ming College, Mun Far College, Nam Mo College and Ming Sun School.

A representative meeting to discuss matters concerning the organisation of the League will be held to-morrow at 2 p.m. in the Social Room of Chinese Y.M.C.A. Kowloon Branch.

SUNDAY'S GAMES

Following is the programme of Cup matches this Sunday:

AT CLUB DE RECREIO
1st Battery "A" v 1st Battery "B" (At 3 p.m.)
AT K.C.C.
No. 6 Coy. "A" v 3rd Battery (At 10 a.m.)
AT C.S.C.C.
5th Battery "A" v Stanley "A" (At 10 a.m.)
AT K.F.C.
No. 8 Coy. "A" v A.S.C. Coy. "A" (At 10 a.m.)

wisely tried to block with his first wood. This he failed to do and Jack drew the shot. The Portuguese skip rested this beautifully, only for Jack to do the same amidst a loyal show of jubilation on the part of his team.

No. 3 Company's "B" team appeared to have every chance of beating First Battery "A" when they led by 16-10 quite late in the game, but the latter staged a fine recovery at the last four heads to enter the next round, in which they unfortunately have to meet their "B" team. Norman Mackay played a useful game as three for the losers, whilst Duggie Hung showed an aptitude for the game.

Kern Prominent

The only other match which was played was another of those domestic affairs, in which the two A.S.C. teams met. The "A" men, after securing a lead of 10-3, lost a five, which should have been saved, and subsequently had to fight every inch of the way, for the "B" team drew level at 14-all and took the lead from the first team a couple of heads later when they chalked up another nap hand. Fortunately, for the peace of mind of the selectors, Kern pulled off a wonderful shot to draw level with a three at the next head, and dogged bowls—in the dark I may add—produced three singletons at the remaining heads.

Kern was excellent throughout, being positively brilliant to begin with, and he certainly saved the situation by drawing a second shot at the last head as Rosset, whose heavy ones connected pretty well, picked out what was originally the first shot.

For the winners the lead was good and gave the O.C. plenty of work to do in trying to remove him, in which he succeeded several times. Tuck for the losers drew some pretty shots but Joe Meyer could do nothing right except on one occasion, when the wood hit his leg when being delivered and finished up within an inch of where he was told to place it!

CHESS RESULTS

Following were the results of matches played yesterday evening in the annual Senior Tournament of Kowloon Chess Club:

G. S. Coxhead drew with C. M. Sequeira, K. M. A. Barnett beat A. Y. Birukoff, D. E. de Carvalho beat W. Lee, B. D. Evans beat M. W. Olsouff.

In a Junior Tournament game A. C. Poupard beat Th. Laufer.

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ARMY SPORTLIGHT

By "SQUADDY"

Hockey

IN the Departmental Corps Hockey League last week Royal Air Force defeated Service Corps in a hard game by the odd goal in five at Sookunpoo. Signals beat Medicals by the only goal of the match, and Combined Military Hospital were given a walk-over by Ordnance, who were unable to field a team.

To-day Signals are playing Air Force at Sookunpoo at 4.45 p.m., and the winners of this match have the best opportunity of winning the League, and both sides are evenly matched.

On Wednesday at Sookunpoo R.A.O.C. lost to Medicals by one goal to nil.

At Happy Valley on Monday, Signals did well to beat a Naval XI by five clear goals. Temple, Player, and Wilkins each scoring once and Cpl. Blount twice for Signals.

Association Football

THE second Army trial—the first was anything but satisfactory—will be held on Wednesday, November 20, and the following have been selected to play:

Reds:—Moxham R.E.; Freshwater, Mx., and Hamlen, R.A.S.C.; Birrell, R.E., Bright, Mx., and Wilkinson, Mx.; Commer, Mx., Morgan, R.A.S.C., Fox, Engineers, Clarke, R.A.S.C., and Cpl. Martin, R.A.S.C. **Whites:**—Duncan, R.S., Lawton, R.A. and Naysmith, R.S.; Shaw, R.E., Parnaby, R.S., Falconer, R.S.; Lam Wai-lun, R.E.; Pearson, Mx., Hossack, R.S., Young, R.A.S.C. and S/Sgt. Duffield, R.A.O.C.

To-morrow Middlesex are playing Kowloon and will be without P. S. M. Riches, who was injured on Tuesday in a car accident.

Sappers will most probably be without the services of Fox, who is on the injured list.

Guy, of 30th R.A., is also on the sick list and will be greatly missed this week-end.

Signals are strengthening their team this week by bringing in Taylor and Parry in the defence. They were unable to play last week. Sgt. Bundy, who played for Army last season, will be making his first appearance in League football this season.

ARTILLERY BEAT R.E. BY FOUR RUNS

Royal Artillery beat Royal Engineers by 4 runs in a match at Sookunpoo yesterday.

Clague hit two boundaries in a four innings of 48 not out. He also recorded 27 singles and took part in a third wicket stand of 41 with Alec Pearce. Tropp's 39 included five boundaries.

Martin at one time had 4 for 18, and it was his bowling performance which enabled Gunners to win.

ROYAL ARTILLERY			
Capt. Ingram, c Denyer, b Megson	0		
2nd/Lieut. J. L. C. Pearce, b Tropp	3		
2nd/Lieut. T. A. Pearce, l.b.w., b Denyer	21		
Lieut. Clague, not out	48		
Dobbinson, b Denyer	2		
Franklin, st. Gales, b Parsons	2		
McCadder, b Denyer	5		
Sibbers, b Bailey	11		
Martin, c Grose, b Bailey	10		
Braddock, b Shipp	0		
Smith-Dutton, b Bailey	2		
Extras (D11)	11		
Total			115

Bowling Analysis			
	O.	M.	R.
Megson	5	0	23
Tropp	3	0	15
Denyer	6	1	26
Parsons	6	0	14
Bailey	3.3	0	18
Shipp	2	0	10

ROYAL ENGINEERS			
Spr. Tropp, b Martin	39		
Spr. Bailey, b Dobbinson	0		
Sgt. Shipp, b Clague	12		
Cpl. Shaw, b Clague	22		
Sgt. Denyer, c Braddock, b Clague	0		
Major Grose, c and b Martin	7		
S/Sgt. Megson, b T. A. Pearce	1		
Major Parsons, b Martin	6		
Cpl. Polham, not out	5		
C. S. M. Gales, c and b T. A. Pearce	0		
L/Cpl. Marrott, b Martin	0		
Extras (D10, LBI)	11		
Total			111

Bowling Analysis			
	O.	M.	R.
Dobbinson	4	0	27
Clague	8	0	27
T. A. Pearce	7	1	13
Martin	5.3	0	33

Small Units Football

TWO games will be played in the Small Units competition next week, between 40 (F) Coy of the Engineers and HQ Coy of the Middlesex on St. Joseph's ground, Happy Valley, kick off 2 p.m. and the other game between the 22nd (F) Coy Engineers and A Coy of the Royal Scots at Sookunpoo, kick off 3 p.m.

Rowing Regatta

IN the forthcoming Rowing Regatta, which is being held in two weeks time, Service Corps have been getting down to training hard and have entered for the Brown Cup, Ah King Cup, and the Chaplain's Cup, and Sappers will have to watch them rather closely as they are out to win as many trophies as possible this year.

Tennis

I understand that Middlesex are playing a Doubles Tennis tournament open to all ranks, which they hope to complete before going to camp. It is rather late in the season to think about tennis, but it is a good idea and will give them a pointer as to strength for next year. This tournament, however, should be held just before the League is due to start and would thus enable the selectors to select the best team.

Around The Soccer Fields

A full programme of soccer games was played during last week-end and though the majority of games resulted as expected there were several surprises, two of which were caused by Royal Scots.

In First Division Royals did remarkably well to share the points with Navy after being led by two goals 10 minutes from time. Hendy, who played for Navy at full-back the greater part of last season, was in great form in the attack and scored four of Navy's five goals. Royals' forward line played well and Marshall and Munro had their share in the goal-scoring.

Clarke made a welcome return to the intermediate line after his injury in the first game of the season and played well.

Saints Handicapped

WEAKENED by injuries, St. Joseph's were no match for Middlesex, who played good soccer throughout. Sheehan, who has played in several positions this season for Middlesex, was a constant danger in attack and received able support from Saw and Pearson. Coomer, on the right wing, also played well.

All, in place of Tsang, in Saints' goal, gave an impressive display considering this was the first time he has played in that position. Bowen was not fast enough for the Middlesex forwards.

Cruz, on the left-wing, was not his usual self. His centring was poor and he would not shoot when well-placed.

Better Inside Man

CLUB started off promisingly enough against Eastern, but fell off badly later to be beaten by 6 goals to 2. Rietsen played his first game for two seasons, but he was injured early in the game and was then a passenger in the intermediate line.

South China were unlucky to draw with Sing Tao. A little more steadiness on the part of Tam Kwan-koi would have given them full points. Sing Tao never looked like a winning team and without Lal Shul-wing their attack was robbed of much of its sting. The absence of Chau Man-chi and Chan Tak-fai from South China's attack was

in a fast game at Sookunpoo on Sunday. Bankier played a good game for Royals, in goal, and saved his side. Royals had hard luck in not winning when Gallagan sent in a hard shot which hit the cross bar with Moxham beaten.

A.S.A. Recruits

NO team experiences so much difficulty in raising a side as A.S.A. The members of their teams are in different companies of the Defence Corps so that they have not yet been able to field their best side. In future they will be strengthened by L. Souza and I. Fernandes, formerly of St. Joseph's, while it is possible that several Army players will be playing for them for the game's sake.

International are making every effort to win the Third Division. They have a good team with local talent, but they are not satisfied and are now enlisting the services of Army players wherever possible. Day, of Engineers, has turned out for them several times already and has been their main goal scorer. Boody and others of Royal Engineers will probably join them soon.

Referees' XI

REFEREES' team for their Annual game against Press has been announced and includes several active footballers. They should account for the Press providing Sing Tao do not take the field.

Fraser is the Royal Scots' First Division back, Brakenberry leads the Signals' attack, while Smith, who generally plays in goal for Medicals, will be seen on the right-wing.

By "Referee"

also keenly felt. Lee Tak-kee played a remarkably good game and is obviously more useful to the attack in an inside position than on the wing, the position he played against Middlesex the previous week.

K. Wah Slipping

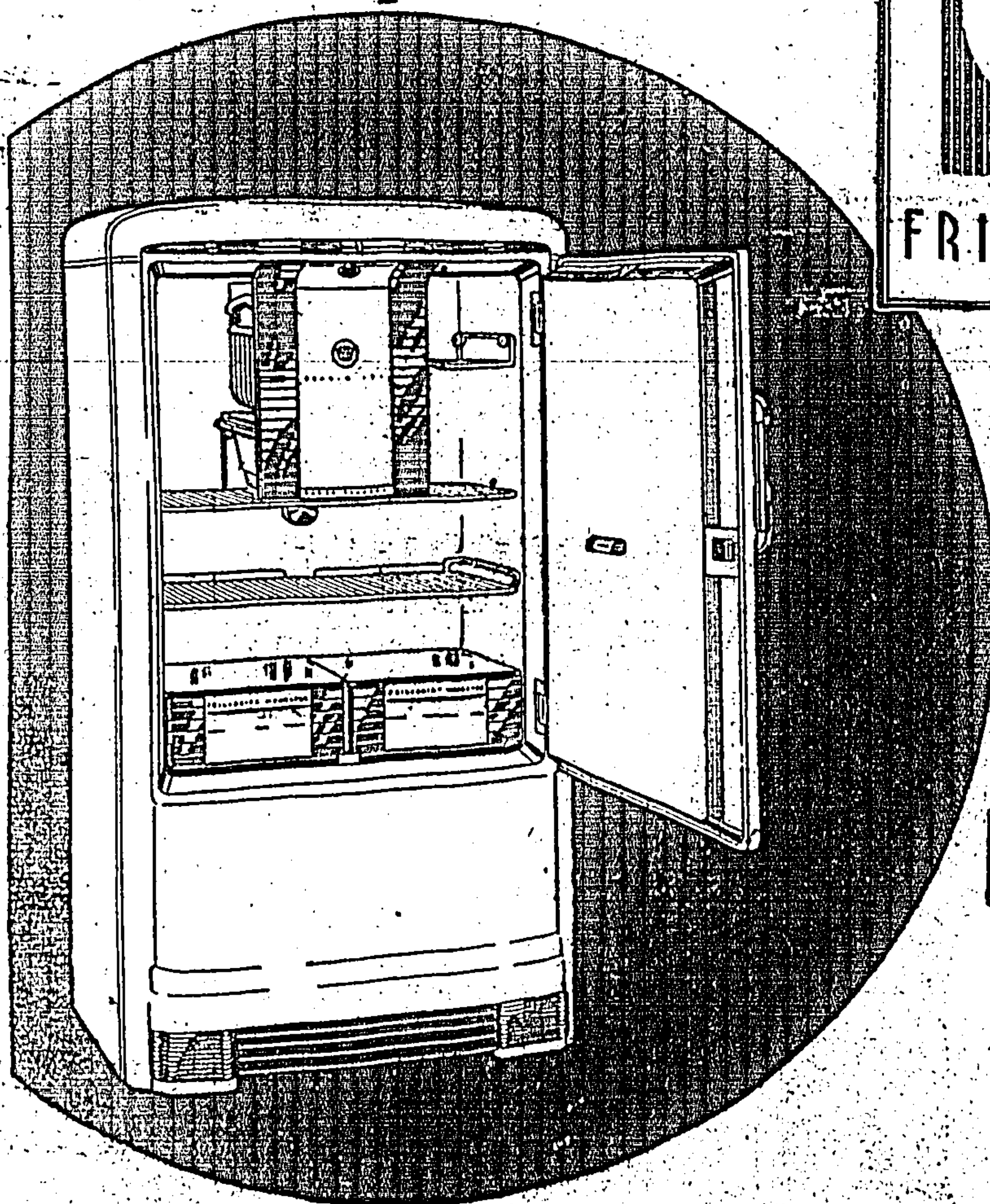
KWONG WAH are sinking deeper into the mire. On Sunday they were outplayed by Police, who thus registered their first win. Lee Kwok-chul, Kwong Wah's goal-keeper, is still on the injured list and his place was taken by Wong Wai-guy.

Todd played in goal for Police instead of Taylor, but he did not have much to do. Howlett, Moss and Ferrer were good forwards, but none were able to finish a movement in the approved style, though all could shoot at times.

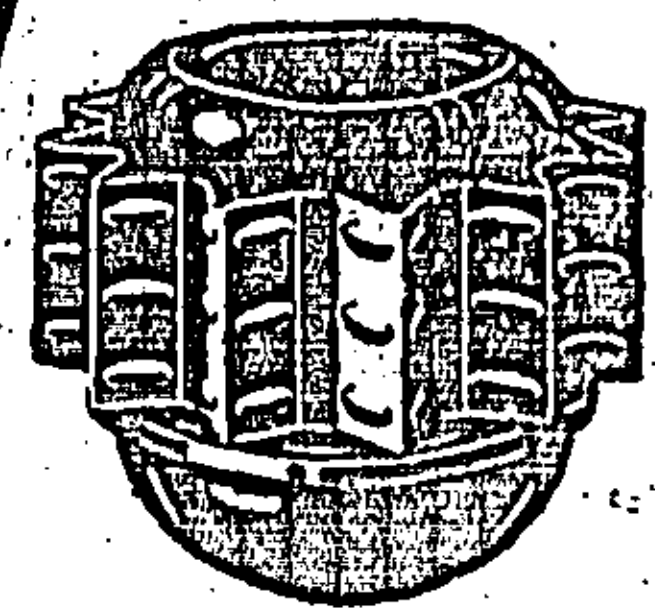
Engineers Held

THE great surprise in Second Division was the feat of Royal Scots. They shared the points with Royal Engineers

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ANOTHER HITLER PEACE OFFENSIVE SPEECH?

Diplomatic circles in Zurich believe that decisions of capital importance concerning France were taken at the Florence meeting between Hitler and Mussolini, stated the Italian controlled press agency yesterday.

These decisions, the agency added, are likely to be the subject of a speech which Hitler will shortly make at a specially convened meeting of the Reichstag.—Reuter.

ANOTHER AMBUSH

British fighting patrols were again active in the Kassala region of the Sudan on October 27 and 28, according to a British communique issued in Cairo yesterday.

The communique adds: "On the latter day a party of the

Brother Of Sir Andrew Cunningham

GENERAL WAVELL, Commander-in-Chief of the British forces in the Near East, has received a valuable reinforcement in the person of Major-General A. G. Cunningham, who is going to Kenya to take over command of troops in East Africa.

General Cunningham is a brother of Admiral Sir Andrew Cunningham, who commands the Mediterranean Fleet, and shares his qualities of tenacity and pluck.

Recently General Cunningham has been closely associated with the anti-aircraft defences of Britain and had been a big influence in their practical development.

He has an engaging personality and will be popular with the South African troops in Kenya. He is also a "live wire."

Another military figure who has come to the forefront of late is Major-General Fuller, known to his friends as "Boney" when on the active list because of his remarkable resemblance to Napoleon Bonaparte.

He is also a man of ideas whose writings have commanded a wide public.

A Tank Man

He considered the Army's needs were tanks and yet more tanks, a policy which 18 months ago was unpopular and led to such an acid controversy that General Fuller was branded by the conventional as an extremist.

Nevertheless, in 1923, a permanent Tank Corps was created largely as a result of General Fuller's efforts, and this grew in experience until it was embodied in the Royal Armoured Corps, which now consists of mechanised cavalry and tanks.

General Fuller was not able to serve with the creation of his brain. He retired many years before it matured to devote himself to writing and the study of military history. Now once again his audacious ideas are creating widespread interest.—Reuter.

ISOLATED RAIDS ON BRITAIN

ISOLATED ENEMY AIRCRAFT MADE ATTACKS ON VARIOUS PARTS OF BRITAIN AFTER MIDDAY YESTERDAY, STATES AN AIR MINISTRY COMMUNIQUE.

Bombs were dropped on two towns in the Eastern Counties and at a point in south Wales and the Midlands, according to reports hitherto received.

There was a small number of casualties but resulting damage was slight.—Reuter.

enemy was ambushed, leaving 15 dead and six prisoners in our hands. Two mechanical transport vehicles were also wrecked. Our casualties were nil.

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FRENCH ASSURANCE TO U.S.

M. Henri Haye, French Ambassador in Washington, yesterday gave the State Department renewed assurances that the United States had nothing to fear from possible developments affecting French possessions in the Western Hemisphere.

Talking to pressmen after conferring with Mr. Sumner Welles, Under-Secretary of State, M. Haye said he had delivered assurances that the negotiations between France and Germany and Italy did not involve the question of any cession of territory or a separate peace with Germany.

A message received from Vichy the previous night, he said, denied Germany had made any proposal for a formal peace in the negotiations.

M. Haye added he had not yet received any reply from Marshal Pétain to President Roosevelt's message in regard to French possessions in the Western Hemisphere.—Reuter.

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ITALIANS HELD IN CHECK ALONG FRONTIER

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Corfu, but the Fascists do not appear as yet to have come into contact with the main Greek defence lines.

Further north, the Greeks are reported to have captured an Italian outpost, while there are other outpost clashes in the Florina area near the border and west of Salonika.

A dusk-to-dawn curfew has been imposed on all foreigners in Athens, and they may no longer travel between towns without a permit. — Reuter.

Italian Excuses

Italian apologists are finding an excuse for the slowness of their advance on the Greek frontier.

Italian correspondents there are stressing the exceptionally bad weather in Albania, said the Stefani agency yesterday. They say incessant rain has transformed the country into a swamp in which troops, horses and mechanised units are struggling to advance. — Reuter.

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VIOLENT COUNTER-ATTACK

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"SUBMARINE NEAR PANAMA" INVESTIGATION

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The United States Navy last night was investigating reports that an unidentified submarine had been seen near the Gulf of Darien, east of the Atlantic entrance to the Panama Canal. — International News Service.

WEATHER FORECAST: — East winds, moderate; fair.

Italian Invaders In Bloody Retreat

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

IN A VIOLENT COUNTER-ATTACK GREEK MOUNTAIN WARRIORS LAST NIGHT WERE REPORTED TO HAVE THROWN THE NUMERICALLY SUPERIOR ITALIAN INVADERS INTO A BLOODY RETREAT IN SEVERAL SECTORS ON THE NORTHERN FRONT.

Though reinforced with additional troops, artillery and strafing planes, Mussolini's divisions were stopped or turned back in day-long battles by the resourceful resistance of the Greek troops.

Apparently attempting to disrupt the stout defence, Italian planes bombed the ports of Patras and Lepanto, the town of Navpaktos and the Aegean island of Piraeus.

Athens had another raid alarm last night as Italian planes flew near the city en route to the island where it is believed possible the Fascist bombers may have attacked British bluejackets who have landed at several undisclosed Greek islands, "according to reports."

Meanwhile Rome last night claimed that Italian troops were consolidating their positions on the Kalamas River for a major push, to capture the factory town of Ioannina, in north-western Greece.

Rome Bombast

The Fascist forces, supported by planes and artillery, were alleged in Rome to have pushed down the west coast to the river's right bank where they came within striking distance of Ioannina, 30 miles below the Albanian frontier.

Simultaneously Count Ciano, Italian Foreign Minister, arrived in Tirana, capital of Albania, presumably to help direct the Fascist attempt to liquidate the Greek problem and push Britain from the Aegean and Ionian sections of the east Mediterranean. — International News Service.

SHIP LAUNCH IN CHUNGKING

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The first steamer built in Free China was launched yesterday in Chungking without any ceremony.

The ship, named Ming Wen, is owned by the Ming Sung Industrial Co.

It cost \$4,000,000 and took 22 months to build. The engines and boiler were imported from England, but everything else on board was built out of Chinese material.

The steamer will run on the Yangtze and will carry passengers and freight. The company is at present building 15 more ships. — Havas.

LONDON HAS A QUIET NIGHT

After an earlier alert, Londoners heard the earliest "Raiders Passed" signal last night since the extensive night raids began in early September. Buses, trams and tubes ran to normal schedule. — Reuter.

NOTHING SETTLED WITH HITLER, LAVAL ADMITS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

THE FACT THAT A practical form of Franco-German cooperation, especially regarding colonial and economic matters, formed the subject of the recent talks, was revealed by M. Pierre Laval, French Vice-Premier and Foreign Minister, to foreign newspapermen in the Hotel Matignon in Paris, former residence of French Premiers, yesterday.

M. Laval added: "However, everything will be difficult as long as military operations go on, though both parties raised precise questions which will be answered in the next few days."

M. Laval referred to Marshal Pétain's statement that Franco-German cooperation "must be sincere and devoid of any aggressive intentions."

Laval continued: "To-day I had talks with the German military and civil authorities."

"These talks are the natural outcome of the historical interview between Hitler and Pétain."

"In the interest of France and Europe we have inaugurated a policy which will enable us to achieve our country's recovery. In all domains, especially economic and colonial, we have already envisaged and will continue to examine in what practical form our cooperation can serve the interests of France, Germany and Europe."

Long Way To Go

"There is still a long way to go before we attain a settlement of all problems."

"It is not within a few days or weeks that we can repair all the damages and ruins of war. France will judge us on the results achieved. I will always remember the talks with the German authorities. All along their history our two great peoples have clashed."

"When I saw Marshal Pétain and the Fuehrer facing each other I realized that our two great nations could settle their differences otherwise than by battles."

"Henceforth France will know how to protect herself against foreign influence. She will take by herself full responsibility for her actions." — Havas.

THAT BOMB SIGHT AGAIN

A responsible U.S. Treasury official disclosed in Washington last night that the Army has approved the export to Britain of the secret bomb sight developed and manufactured by the Sperry Gyroscope Co. of New York.

The official added that the Sperry plant is now being geared for the mass production of vital parts of the coveted weapon, with overseas shipments tentatively set for late February or early March.

Until now production has been limited to experimental models and only a few sights have been placed in use for test manoeuvres and training of pilots.

The products of more than 50 companies go into the completely assembled sight.

The Army press section refused to affirm or deny the release for export of the Sperry model.

Air Corps officers said they had been given no authorisation to discuss the bomb sight question and therefore cannot comment. — International News Service.

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"WHEN I AM PRESIDENT"



Raiders may come and raiders may go, but acrobatic dancers are not deterred from rehearsing their act on the Dominion Theatre, high over London. Here Merton is seen taking a flying leap into Bailiol's arms. (Copyright, Fox).

Axis Manoeuvres To Find Out British Plans

IN THEIR ATTEMPTS to goad Britain into revealing her movements and the extent of her aid to Greece, the Axis Powers are busy putting out all sorts of stories, saying one minute that Britain has abandoned Greece and the next that strong forces of British planes are expected there at any moment.

Neither manoeuvre is tricking Britain into disclosing her plans. Britain is keeping to her pledge to give all aid possible to Greece, but she has no intention of telling the enemy the manner in which it will be rendered.

The Greek Government is in full possession of the true facts. Nazi propaganda is also in favour of a patched-up peace, hoping that by this means the Axis Powers will gain their ends in the Middle East theatre without having to fight.

Berlin plans call for Greece to abandon her resistance, and the Nazis hope to achieve this by giving the Greeks all sorts of promises and assurances, after which they will proclaim that Greece has "discovered" the illusory nature of British help, and has preferred to throw in her lot with the Axis in the "New Order."

Although this achieved some success in France, it is regarded scornfully in Athens, where it is pointed out that the Greeks have not been defeated yet, and that even if they are overwhelmed by sheer weight of numbers and arms Greece will never capitulate but will fight to the end in the confidence of ultimate victory. — Reuter.

VON PAPEN LEAVES ISTANBUL

Fritz von Papen, Nazi Minister to Turkey, has left Istanbul for Berlin, where he is to talk to Der Fuehrer. — Reuter.

BERLIN'S CHANGE OF TUNE

The Wilhelmstrasse's view of the Italian conflict with Greece has changed, stated the Berlin correspondent of the "Bester Nachrichten" yesterday.

It is suggested the Italo-Greek war will soon have consequences for Germany's relations with Hungary.

Official circles in Berlin compare Italy's action in Greece with Germany's action in Norway.

The political solidarity of Berlin and Rome is now emphasised, seeing that "the action against Greece is part of the common warfare against Britain."

Neutral observers are seriously concerned at the danger of an extension of the Italo-Greek conflict, adds the correspondents. — Reuter.

Roosevelt Accused Of Appeasement

AN ALLEGATION that President Roosevelt had been trying to "appease" the totalitarian powers was made by Mr. Wendell Willkie, Republican Presidential candidate, in a campaign speech at Baltimore, Maryland, yesterday.

Mr. Willkie promised to work for "the maintenance of peace in the Western Hemisphere," but said he would not stand for a policy of appeasement.

He contended the Roosevelt Administration had been "helping those very nations which the third-term candidate says should be quarantined."

FRANCE TO HAVE ITS GESTAPO?

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Creation of a State Police for France is one of the measures now being drawn up by the French Home Minister. This new force, it was stated in Vichy yesterday, "will be independent of any political influence." — Havas.

NO LIGHT ON GIBRALTAR INCIDENT

No further light has yet been shed by the British authorities as to the actual nature of the attempt by Italian officers to torpedo ships in Gibraltar harbour with a "special device."

One torpedo exploded harmlessly in the harbour while the other ran ashore in Spanish territory and has now been taken to Cadiz.

Naval observers in London recall that in the last war the Italians used a sort of "sea-tank" or miniature motor torpedo-boat which could climb over obstructions at the entrances to harbours, and also a sort of raft with which men could swim into harbours to fix mines to ships.

In 1918, a "sea-tank" was discovered and had to be sunk, but two Italian officers used a raft to get into an important harbour and blow up an Austrian warship. — Reuter.

BELGIAN ENVOY TOLD TO DEPART

The Belgian Ambassador to Spain left that country yesterday at the request of the Spanish Government.

His "personal attitude before and during the war" is given as the reason for the Spanish Government's request. — Reuter.

SOCIAL JOTTINGS

Frau Goebbels presented her Propaganda Minister husband with a seventh child, a daughter, yesterday, according to Berlin reports received in Stockholm. — Reuter.

Citing the recent release of a shipment of machine-tools to Russia, "the ally of Germany," Mr. Willkie added: "This is no way to protect ourselves. As President I won't help to mechanise the Red Army so it can carry out its purposes."

"We shall feel well content to mechanise the army of the United States," Mr. Willkie said appeasement was the surest way to war. — Reuter.

FRENCH ASSURANCE TO U.S.

M. Henri Haye, French Ambassador in Washington, yesterday gave the State Department renewed assurances that the United States had nothing to fear from possible developments affecting French possessions in the Western Hemisphere.

Talking to pressmen after conferring with Mr. Sumner Welles, Under-Secretary of State, M. Haye said he had delivered assurances that the negotiations between France and Germany and Italy did not involve the question of any cession of territory or a separate peace with Germany.

A message received from Vichy the previous night, he said, denied Germany had made any proposal for a formal peace in the negotiations.

M. Haye added he had not yet received any reply from Marshal Petain to President Roosevelt's message in regard to French possessions in the Western Hemisphere. — Reuter.

CHINA SHIPPING SLUMP

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") A REDUCTION IN THE TONNAGE OF VESSELS ENTERED FROM AND CLEARED FOR ABROAD IN ALL CHINA PORTS DURING SEPTEMBER ALMOST EXACTLY REFLECTED A HUGE DECREASE OF 338,000 TONS IN SHANGHAI'S SEPTEMBER FOREIGN SHIPPING.

All China foreign shipping tonnage decreased in September only by 351,000 to but 1,200,000 tons.

China ports shipping under the Japanese flag continued to dominate the scene, totalling 954,000 tons or 53 per cent of all foreign shipping.

The British flag ranked second with 353,000 tons or 18 per cent. American shipping, representing 110,000 tons, took third place. — Havas.

LINLITHGOW TO REMAIN AS VICEROY

Lord Linlithgow's term of office as Viceroy of India has been extended for a further period of a year, from April, 1941, it was announced in London yesterday. — Reuter.

TURKEY UNDER NO ILLUSION

Athens reports that the Soviet Union has promised to assist Turkey in the event of a German attack on the Dardanelles were ridiculed in Ankara yesterday.

The Turkish view apparently is that if the Soviet Union had felt strong enough to challenge Germany she would have prevented her establishing herself on the Black Sea coast.

According to reports reaching Ankara from Moscow, Soviet officials are already hinting that the Straits are of no great interest to the Soviet Union anyway. — Reuter.

HEAVY RAIDS ON NAZI PORTS

Many tons of high explosive bombs and hundreds of incendiaries were dropped on Wednesday night in the German-occupied ports of Flushing and Antwerp and on Emden, states the Air Ministry news service.

The attack on Flushing began in the early evening and lasted just over an hour. Several sticks of bombs were dropped on the Walcheren Canal and the inner and outer harbours, and though cloud and haze made it difficult to see the full results of the bombing, one huge fire was started between the two docks which was visible from 55 miles away.

At Antwerp, explosions and fires were reported in the harbour area.

At Emden, bursts were observed on the quays and in the harbour. One very bright fire was started and other fires were seen to spread rapidly.

One aircraft attacked a nearby railway junction where a large fire occurred. — Reuter.

PROF. ROBERTSON ROBBED

Professor Robertson, of No. 92, Bonham Road, has reported the theft of a gold pocket-watch, valued at £180, from his residence yesterday.

THE AXIS ACHILLES HEEL

Lord Chatfield Urges Violent Blows At Italy British Naval Might In Mediterranean

A BROADCAST IN THE BBC'S SERVICES OF "WAR COMMENTARIES" WHICH WAS SPOKEN WITH PECULIAR AUTHORITY WAS GIVEN LAST NIGHT BY LORD CHATFIELD.

Listeners heard with special interest the former First Sea Lord's answer to his own question, which came towards the end of his address, "What will be the effect on our Fleet's responsibilities on implementing our guarantee to Greece?"

Lord Chatfield said: "Obviously they will be considerable. The Greek navy consists of a cruiser, 23 torpedo craft and six submarines. They are well trained and will play their part by the side of our own."

Italy, by invading Greece through Albania, can maintain her armies by the short sea route across the Adriatic—a not easy sea for our fleet to operate in—but always there are possibilities of night actions.

If Italy plans to extend operations by sea to the Greek islands our fleet may be given that opportunity to strike it has waited for.

The laws of strategy teach you to strike at your enemy's weak spot with your utmost force.

Italy is the enemy weak spot and those sea and air forces we can spare from the defence of these islands against Germany should enable us to strike some violent blows against Italy now.

Italy's Object

Italy's object may be to divide our military forces and so weaken our resistance in Egypt. But sea and air power will be of more value to help Greece than a large army sent to Salonika with all that means in transport and supply.

The waters of Greece are no new battleground for us. Thanks to Greek hospitality our navy has for years exercised there.

Her harbours, islands, have valuable strategic points well known to sailors, which we shall doubtless use.

But one must remember that bases cannot be improvised so simply or so rapidly as before for they have to be defended against air and submarine attack. It is too early in Italy's new adventure, however, to discuss such matters.

Taking Measure

Earlier Lord Chatfield had spoken of the Mediterranean.

He said: "I obviously cannot give you a comparative statement of the forces in the Mediterranean but we have concentrated there a fleet under Admiral Cunningham able by its efficiency to contain the Italian fleet and to hold the Straits of Gibraltar and to protect the Suez Canal."

"Fighting in the narrow waters of the Mediterranean the fleet has had gradually to take measure of its Italian opponent, his navy, his air force and submarines, testing their fighting capacity."

Laws Of Sea Power

There Lord Chatfield left it. Minister for the Co-ordination of Defence during many arduous months of present work before Mr. Chamberlain's resignation, it is significant that the Admiral began with the considered assertion that the laws of sea power have not so far been vitally modified by aerial or even by submarine warfare though it was true that having lost the Channel ports, enabling the enemy to mount coastal batteries at the narrows, the passage of convoys there, from being a routine traffic problem, "becomes a naval operation."

But Lord Chatfield added immediately: "Nevertheless our trade continues to flow along this route which the enemy has done his utmost to deny us." — British Wireless.

BRUTAL CRIME IN ABERDEEN

The life of a nine-year-old Chinese girl was brutally sacrificed for a fowl and a cheap cotton-wool quilt by unknown robbers in Aberdeen yesterday.

The father of the girl, returning home from the Kennedy Town market at 9 a.m., was confronted with the lifeless body of his daughter lying on the bed.

He had left the house at 6 a.m. while the motherless girl was still sleeping.

The girl's legs and hands were tied with a rope which was also tightly twisted round her neck. It is believed that the girl was suffocated.

The house was apparently ransacked, drawers being opened and the contents strewn over the floor, but after an inspection, the father reported that only a fowl and a cheap cotton-wool quilt were missing.

The police are investigating.

COAL WILL SOLVE OUR OIL PROBLEM

While R.A.F. bombers are smashing up Germany's synthetic oil plants, Britain is getting down to the job of increasing the yield of home-produced fuel from coal.

Recommendations made by the Ridley Committee are now in the hands of the Secretary for Mines, Mr. D. R. Grenfell, himself an untiring advocate of plans for extracting oil from coal.

As an immediate war measure, he has addressed an appeal to the gas and coke industry to increase its recovery of benzole from coke by making existing recovery equipment more efficient; by expediting the installation of equipment already on order; and by putting in such equipment where none now exists.

Gas works and coke ovens are already expected to recover 16,000,000 gallons more crude benzole in 1940 as compared with 1938; and by voluntary effort alone, Mr. Grenfell believes that this quantity can be increased again by another 12,000,000 gallons.

Tuolene, used for high explosives such as TNT, is another by-product of coal, made by processing coke, whose production will be increased.

Plans are in hand, too, for increasing the number of vehicles using producer-gas and gas-bags.

Gas Trailers

At the moment between 500 1,000 heavy vehicles, including buses, are equipped with producer-gas trailers. On an average

EARL BROWDER'S WIFE TO BE DEPORTED

The U.S. Department of Justice yesterday ordered the deportation to Russia of Mrs. Raissa Berkman Browder, wife of Earl Browder, the communist leader, on the ground she entered the United States illegally.

The Browners were married in Moscow in 1926.—Reuter.

CONSULAR OFFICIAL LEAVES

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Mr. Richard Butrick, former acting American Consul-General in Shanghai, left for Washington in the President Pierce with his wife. Mr. Butrick had acted as Consul-General since the departure of Mr. Clarence Gauss, who went to Australia.—Havas.

CAPTURE OF GREEK SHIP CLAIMED

The Greek steamer Attica (1,400 tons) has been captured by the Italians, stated the German radio yesterday. The steamer was en route from America to Greece with a mixed cargo of oil, copper, types and glycerine.—Reuter.



A feature of a Fete arranged by Air Cadets at Bedford, was a baby show. Photo shows one of the young lads in blue with two of the competitors. (Copyright, Fox).

POLISH-CZECH COOPERATION URGED

CLOSE COOPERATION BETWEEN THE POLISH AND CZECHOSLOVAK PEOPLES "WHO ARE IN THE SAME ARENA FIGHTING FOR GOD AGAINST THE DEVIL," WAS URGED BY M. JAN MASARYK, CZECHOSLOVAK MINISTER IN LONDON, IN A SPEECH TO THE NEW EUROPE CIRCLE IN LONDON YESTERDAY.

M. Masaryk said: "We are not doing any sabotage for the simple reason that we would be massacred but the wheels of Skoda do not revolve quite as quickly as they did two years ago."

and things do not come out as beautifully finished as they did." M. Masaryk added they were fighting Laval just as much as Hitler, and it was a terrible idea that the soul of France was going to be chained to Hitler's applecart.—Reuter.

LOST OR STOLEN

Mr. J. Marcal, of King's Building, has informed the police that he lost, or had stolen from his pocket, an envelope containing Hong Kong and American money to the value of \$204 between the Hong Kong Hotel and the China Emporium on Wednesday evening.

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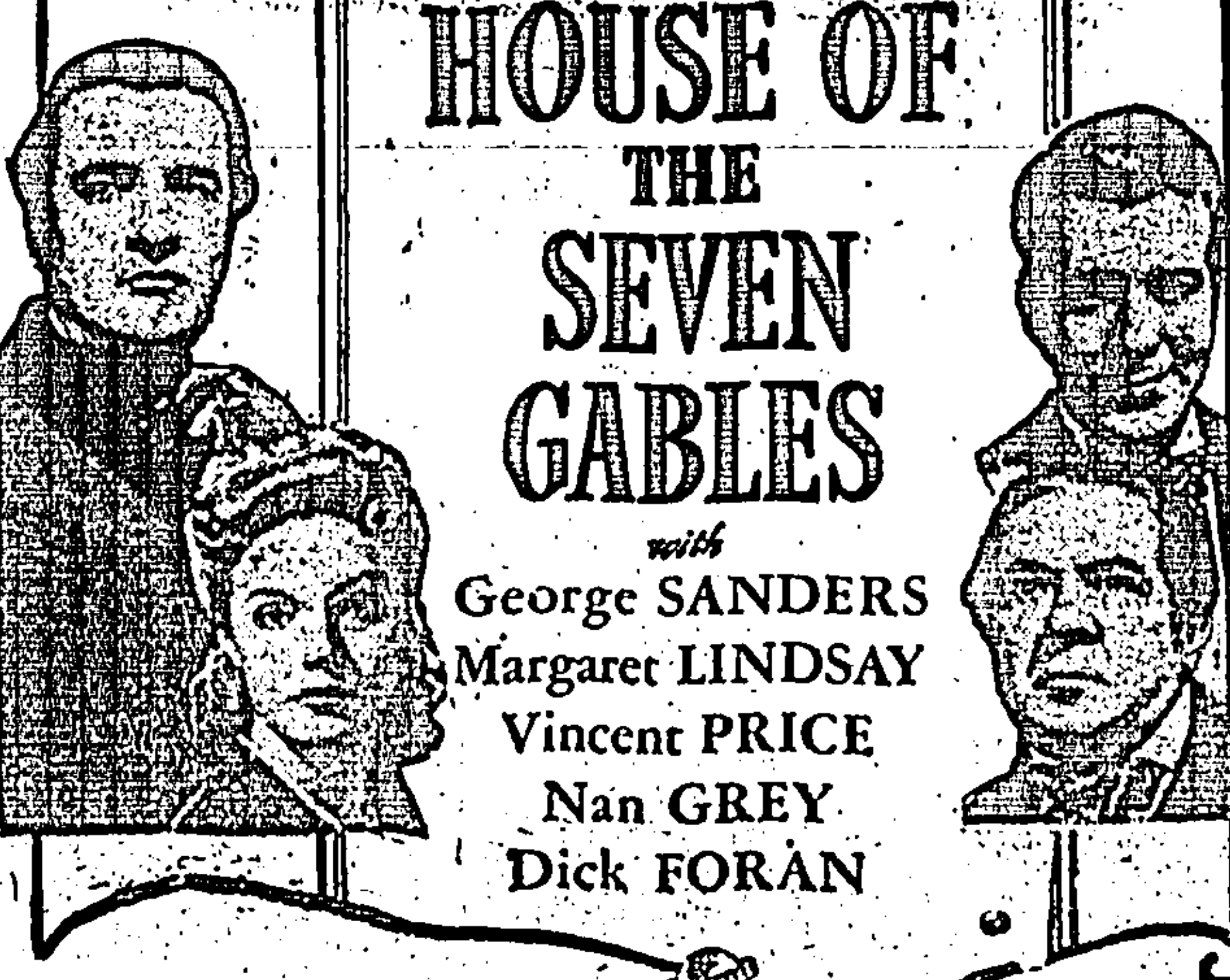
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BRITAIN ASKS U.S. FOR 3,000 WARPLANES EACH MONTH

THE UNITED STATES at present is sending Britain between 250 and 300 planes a month, it was estimated in Washington yesterday, and with every effort being made to speed up production, this figure should be steadily increased.

President Roosevelt's allusion in his speech at Boston to Britain's request for additional planes refers to the scheme broached by British purchasing officials to the Treasury some weeks ago, when they enquired if it would be possible for the United States to produce 3,000 planes a month for Britain.

Investigations showed this was hardly feasible and would require the establishment of nearly 40 new factories.

Estimates were given for the production of about 1,300 planes a month, and a new British order for 12,000 planes, including both fighters and bombers, followed.

Nobody can say when an output of 1,300 a month can be reached, since there are two serious bottlenecks in American industry, namely in the production of machine-tools and aero-engines.

Informed American sources, however, express the view that resort may again be made to the system of releasing to Britain planes ordered for the American air forces.—Reuter.

Fourth Programme

The new plan will be the fourth warplane building programme in the United States.

The others are 35,000 planes for the United States Army, already mostly contracted; the original British programme for 14,000 planes, and the new British order for 12,000 planes.—Reuter.

500 PLANES SENT IN OCTOBER

THE UNITED STATES SENT 500 MILITARY AIRCRAFT TO BRITAIN DURING OCTOBER, IT IS ANNOUNCED IN WASHINGTON. THE AVERAGE NUMBER IS EXPECTED TO BE INCREASED TO 800 BY DECEMBER.

Britain has ordered 14,000 military planes and wants a further 12,000.

President Roosevelt says that he has asked the Priorities Board to give this request their most sympathetic consideration.

The R.A.F., he says, is stronger to-day than it was three months ago, despite losses, and this is due partly to purchases from the United States.

Rapid progress is being made towards the goal of American aircraft production of 50,000 machines a year.—Reuter.

U.S. ENLISTS AID OF MOTOR INDUSTRY

The United States War Department is reported to have planned the production of 12,000 additional bombers, largely with the help of the motor-car industry.

This programme, estimated to cost US\$2,000,000,000, is stated to have been planned to produce the 12,000 bombers asked for by Britain.

It is believed the War Department proposes the creation of two large factories to assemble parts manufactured in motor-car factories.

Whether these will be operated by the Government or the aircraft or motor-car industry has not yet been decided.—Reuter.

PURCHASE OF SHIPS IN AMERICA

THE FACT THAT THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT HAS ORDERED A LARGE NUMBER OF FREIGHTERS FROM THE UNITED STATES WAS DISCLOSED IN WASHINGTON BY MR. HENRY MORGENTHAU, SECRETARY OF TREASURY.

Mr. Morgenthau said he did not know whether the orders involved the construction of a new shipyard in the United States for exclusive British use and declined to give details beyond saying the British had ordered a large number of one standard type freight ship.—Reuter.

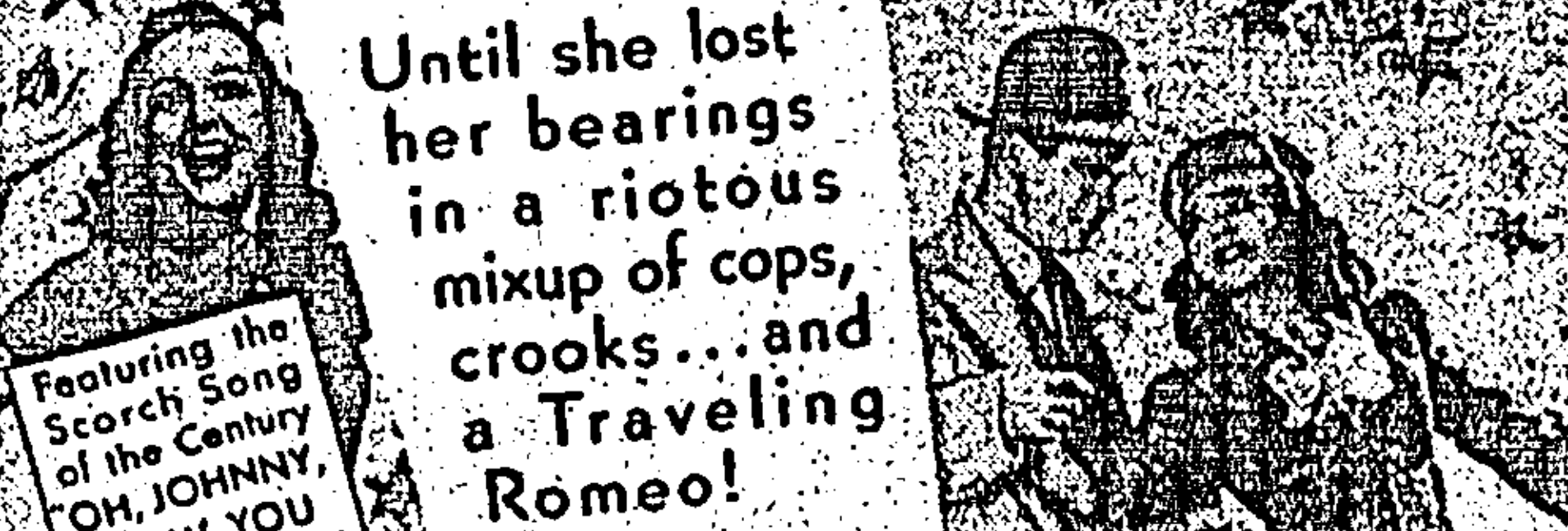
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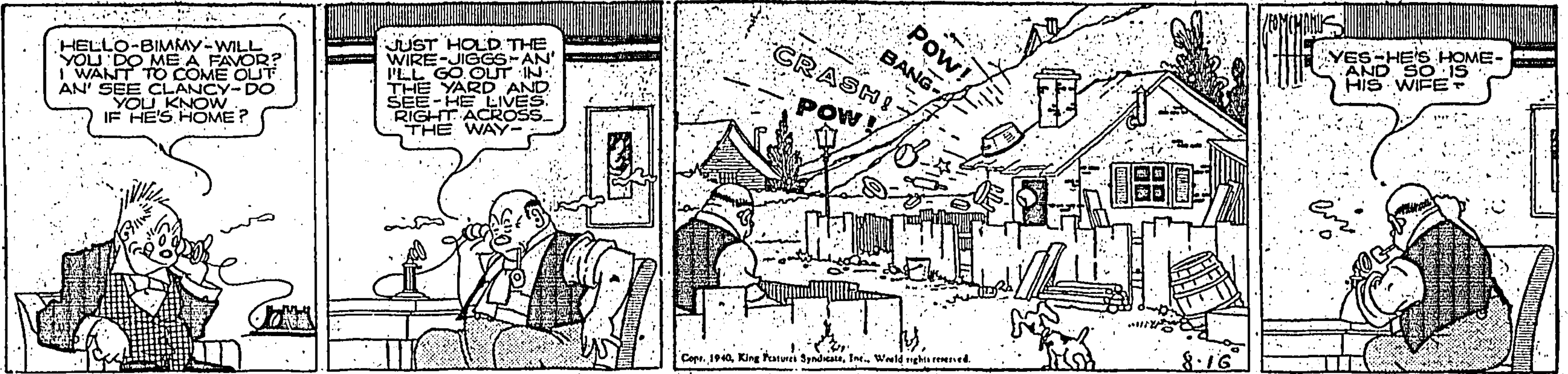
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THE NEW BARNIE
BARUCH?

The U.S. Ambassador to Britain, Mr. Joseph Kennedy, may become head of the Defence Commission and "the Barnie Baruch of a new world war" if President Roosevelt is re-elected, it was suggested by two noted columnists in the New York "World-Telegram" yesterday. — Reuter.

ANOTHER SHANGHAI
KIDNAPPING

Mr. C. C. Sun, 62-year-old manager of the Wei Chung Travel Agency, was kidnapped by three armed men from his office in Shanghai yesterday.

At about 8.30 a.m., the men entered the agency and compelled Sun to leave in a car. — Our Own Correspondent.

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HORIZONTAL

- 1 Suitable
- 4 To harangue
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- 17 Accustoming
- 19 Trial
- 20 Ventured
- 21 Moisture
- 23 Meadow
- 24 Butterfly
- 26 Head
- 29 Crow-like bird
- 31 To pay out
- 33 Aroma
- 35 Slang: automatic
- 37 Winter vehicle
- 38 Climbing plants
- 40 Negative
- 42 Roman bronze
- 43 French article
- 44 Plant juice
- 46 Anglo-Saxon money
- 48 More cunning
- 50 To wear away

VERTICAL

- 1 Destiny
- 2 Roman date
- 3 Grows brown
- 4 Acted according to
- 5 Hawk-headed deity
- 6 Desolate
- 7 Pertaining to sound
- 8 Is available
- 9 Eager
- 10 To fasten
- 11 Label
- 16 Melancholy
- 18 Harvest
- 22 Humorist
- 24 Arrow
- 25 Chances
- 26 Moved
- 27 Mine entrance
- 28 Weight
- 30 Pole
- 32 High note
- 34 Began again after an interruption
- 36 Overly
- 39 Irony
- 41 Tramples
- 43 Pertaining to the feet
- 47 Upper limb
- 48 Symbol for cobalt
- 49 Remainder
- 51 Greek coin
- 52 To apportion
- 53 Periods of time
- 54 To bend
- 55 Female ruff
- 56 Babylonian deity

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

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CANADIAN
'PLANES
FOR BRITAIN

Canada will be able to ship complete aeroplanes to Great Britain within a few months.

Hitherto Canadian companies have only built aircraft frames, engines being installed in British plants. Now, engines will be built in the Dominion so that the Canadian defence forces will not be so dependent on supplies from Britain and the United States.

Negotiations are now under way with a British firm to obtain patents and plans. British craftsmen will be sent to Canada to supervise the construction of plant.

While normally it would require two years before the first units could be produced on a mass production basis, it is estimated that, with the help of skilled British craftsmen, Canadian production will begin within a few months.

About 11,000 persons are now employed in the Canadian aircraft industry—an increase of roughly 40 per cent during the last three months.—Reuter.

CANADIAN
WAR
CONTRACTS

New contracts for war supplies totalling 2,280 and representing an average of one contract every 70 seconds during each working day, were placed in the first week of October by the Ministry of Munitions.

This was the largest number of contracts placed in any week since the war began.

These facts were given by the Canadian Minister of Munitions and Supply in Ottawa yesterday.

He further stated that three times as many contracts had been placed in six months since the Ministry took over the work of the War Supply Board, compared with the previous nine months.

Orders for Canadian account total \$6 and £750,000 plus nearly £30,000,000 for British account. — Reuter.

NEHRU ARRESTED

Jawaharlal Nehru, one of the two men chosen by Mr. Gandhi to make anti-war speeches in India, was arrested at Allahabad last night, according to Delhi radio. — Reuter.

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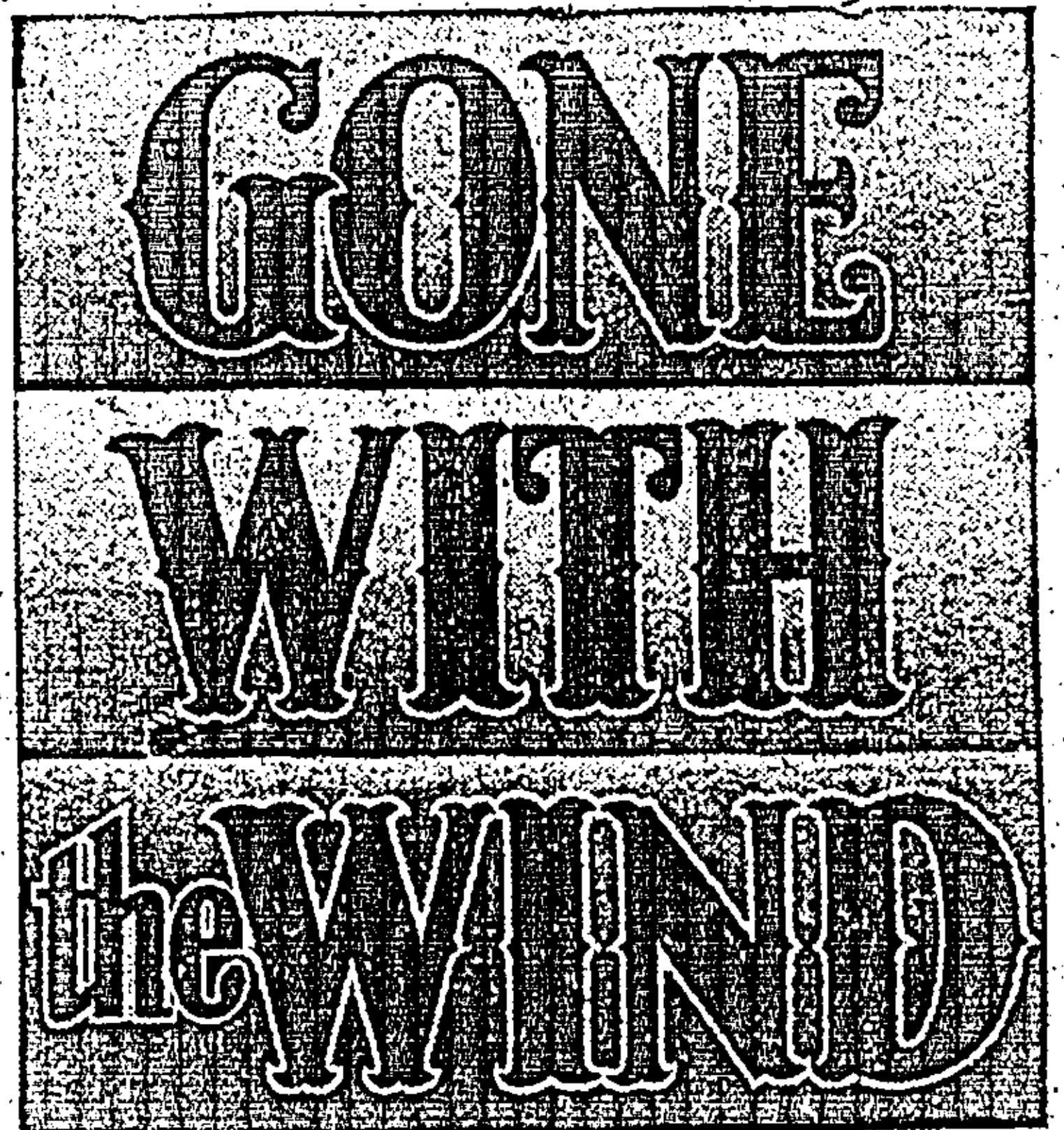
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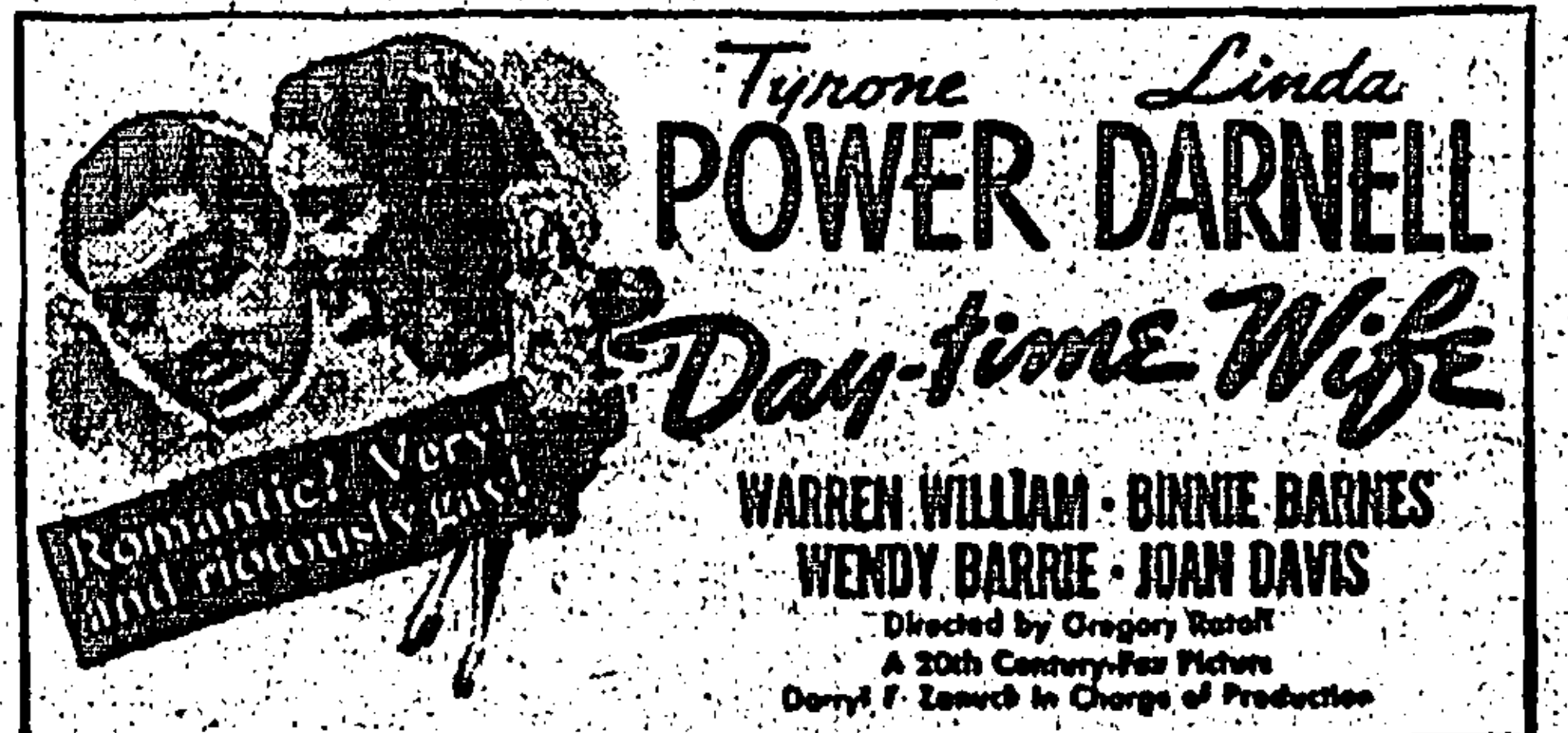
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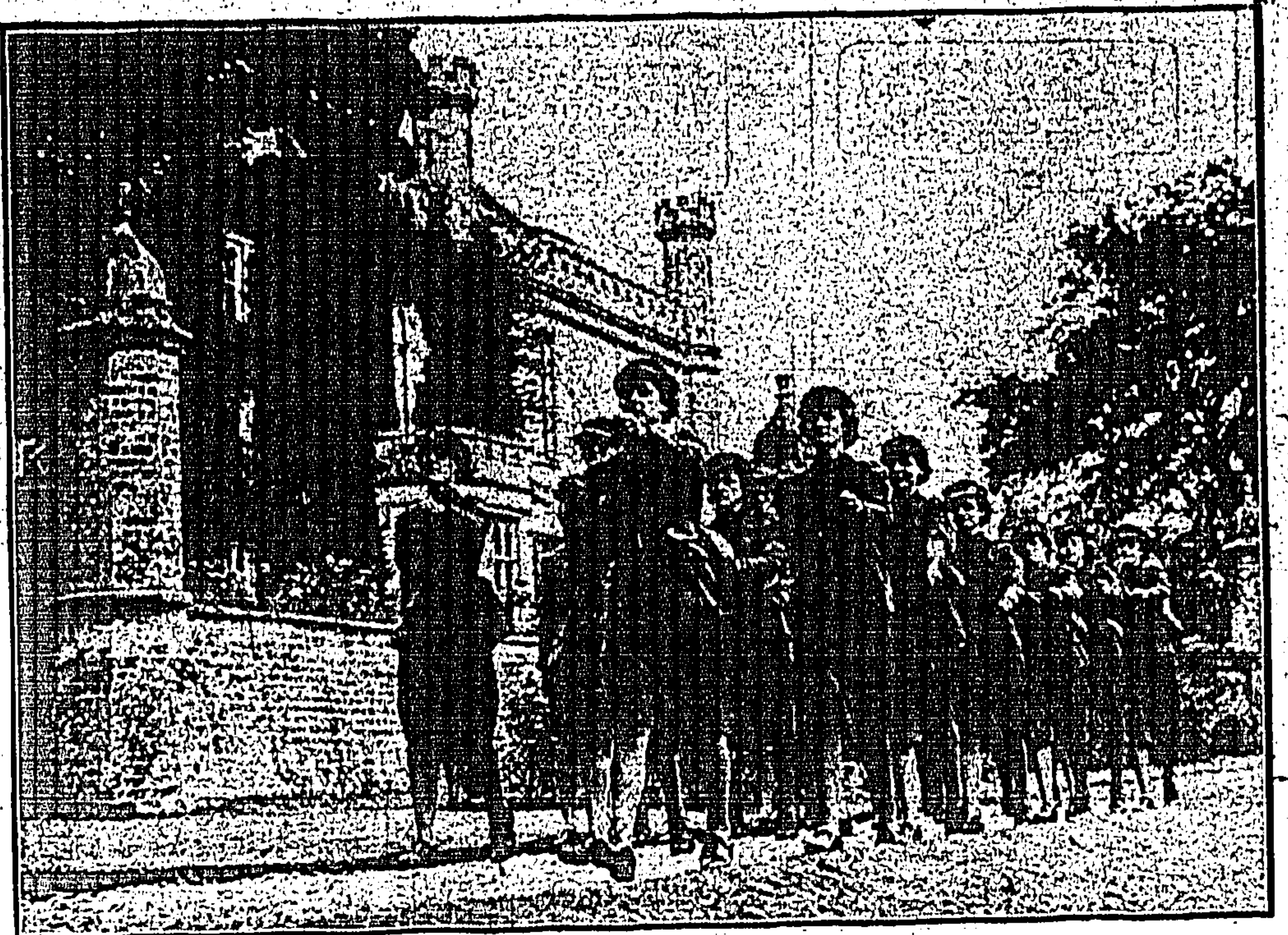
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Ketteringham Park, the Norfolk home of Sir Raymond and Lady Bolleau, is now a training "camp" for girls of the women's Transport Service (the F.A.N.Y.). Lady Bolleau, who is Ethel Bolleau, the novelist, is an officer of the corps and she runs her house as a training centre where twenty girls at a time take a course which lasts a fortnight. A recent batch of trainees included Mrs. Richard Tauber, a recruit who transferred from a newer but similar organisation, the Mechanised Transport Corps. Photo shows the beautiful house forming a striking background to some of the girls on the march. (Copyright, Fox).

Holland Intended For Absorption Into Reich

HOLLAND HAS BEEN converted into a Fascist totalitarian State on true Nazi lines, stated the Dutch newspaper "Vrij Nederland" ("Free Holland"), published in London, yesterday.

Describing the system introduced by the Germans the newspaper says: "The country's national administration has been centralised by the German Governor, Seyss-Inquart, and placed in the hands of four Germans, each administering several Ministerial departments and accountable only to Seyss-Inquart himself.

"Replacement of burgomasters by Germans is proceeding methodically and Seyss-Inquart has reorganised the conditions under which State officials are appointed in furtherance of the efforts to consolidate the German occupation.

"He also has power to appoint and dismiss all Government, Civil Servants, railway, banking and judicial authorities and mayors.

"The distribution of news to the Dutch people is also cut to totalitarian pattern."

Never Jam To-day

The newspaper adds: "Dutch annoyance is growing and has been increased by the fact that the Germans have not succeeded, despite their promises, in bringing 'jam to-morrow' into being.

"On the contrary, the standard of living in the Netherlands is rapidly getting lower, rationing of food, clothes, petrol and other important supplies being extremely severe."—Reuter.

SOMALILAND BASES RAIDED

South African aircraft attacked the military camp at Ferrahdi, Italian Somaliland, on October 29, it was announced in Nairobi yesterday. Bombs were dropped among buildings in the target area.

Other units of the South African Air Force carried out reconnaissance flights; all returned safely. — Reuter.

FORGED NOTE CASE: WOMAN CHARGED

A 30-year-old woman, Kong Po, was charged before Mr. G. T. Lowry this morning, with uttering forged notes and with possession of three forged \$10 notes, purporting to be of the Bank of Communications.

It was alleged that defendant uttered the notes at different money changers' shops in Connaught Road Central on October 23.

Hearing was fixed for November 6.

DEATH CREATES MURDER CHARGE

An inmate of the Argyle Street Soldiers' Internment Camp, Wu Kang-yau, originally charged with wounding, was this morning charged with the murder of Kong Shiu-ting.

He appeared on remand before Mr. E. Hilmsworth and the case was adjourned for a week. Wong died in Kowloon Hospital on Wednesday.

WHISKY THEFT

For stealing a bottle of whisky, Ng Tang, 27, coolie, was sentenced to one month's hard labour by Mr. E. Hilmsworth at Kowloon this morning.

Accused was searched on leaving the Kowloon wharf and the bottle of whisky was found. He had stolen it from a ship.

THREE-TIER BUNKS IN THE TUBES

FURTHER STEPS ARE BEING TAKEN TO INCREASE AIR-RAID SHELTER ACCOMMODATION IN LONDON'S "TUBES" AND TO MAKE IT EASIER FOR PEOPLE TO GO TO AND FROM WORK.

On Monday next, express buses, stopping at only two intermediate points, will be run to the suburbs on 10 extra routes.

Buses lent by the provinces and Scotland to the L.P.T.B. already number over 400 and more are coming to help the Green Line country coach routes and other auxiliary services.

Bunks in three tiers are being put in Tube stations, increasing the accommodation and also leaving more space for people taking temporary shelter while passing the stations.

Some of the shelters already have refreshment canteens and these will be expanded. A total staff of 1,000 will be need to run the canteens. — Reuter.

JAPANESE BLAZE RETREAT

IN THEIR RETREAT FROM NANNING TO THE FRENCH INDO-CHINA BORDER NEAR THE COAST, THE JAPANESE FORCES LEFT A BLAZING TRAIL OF DESTRUCTION.

They set fire to each village and town they passed through.

The first Chinese forces to reach Nanning found the city in flames, but last night's reports from Kunming stated that the fires have now been extinguished.

Civilian officials have arrived in Nanning. — Our Own Correspondent.

LORD GORT'S VISIT TO ICELAND

Viscount Gort, Inspector-General to the Forces for Training, has returned to England after a fortnight's visit to the troops in Iceland, according to a War Office announcement in London yesterday. — Reuter.



British Sea Power Will Prevail

DUCE DESPERATE

The rift in the Axis lute, temporary and apparently overcome, is among the most significant developments of the past few weeks of tortuous Hitlerian diplomacy. In order to delude France into a course of action which would gain him strategic advantages, Hitler was prepared, on the surface, to give yet another display of his contempt for his Axis partner. On this occasion, however, Mussolini demurred, unmistakably, and the Fuehrer's rush trip to Florence was necessary to assure Il Duce that in the final double-cross, France would be the sufferer.

In the result, however, Hitler loses at both ends. The purpose of the Florence trip will not be lost upon the more intelligent minds at Vichy. Mussolini, with a long list of reasons for suspicion, will have had his doubts lulled but not eradicated.

Even during the months that Hitler's successes were dazzling and frightening Europe, some revelation of British power, some idea of the strength that the nation could put forth when organised and led with conviction, was provided in the successes of the Air Force and Royal Navy, and these kept Italy's leaders anxious against the time when Hitler would call upon Italy for action. When the signal did come, reluctance was overcome only by the clear opportunity for the stab in the back of France, and Hitler's assurances that the British Isles would be smashed within two months.

The attack upon Greece is, by and large, confirmatory of the conviction that Mussolini is fast losing confidence in himself and in Hitler's pictures of the Axis way to victory and the glory of force.

With his fleet unable to sail the sea he claimed as his own, his armies in Egypt stuck at Sidi Barrani, the totally unprovoked attack on Greece is readily explained as a desperate attempt to entice Britain into a division of her forces and to break the grip of the Navy on the Middle Mediterranean, which imperils the whole system of transport and supply between Italy and Libya.

The crude shamelessness of the attack, however, has merely added a determined people to the list of Italy's enemies and

In the second week of the German invasion on the Low Countries I left Belgium after having experienced some of the Nazi air raids as well as their Fifth Column rumour-spreading activities. This activity was so intense that many people in Belgium, with whom I was in contact, actually believed the stories told about Great Britain being on the verge of collapse and her people starving. How entirely untrue were these lies about shortage and queues of depressed and anxious people in front of closed shops I have seen for myself during the two months and more that I have been in England.

I and my family have experienced no shortage of food or anything we wanted. With my knowledge of shipping matters, I know that stocks of raw materials

have now reached such a peak that the British Government has been able to establish free exports. This means that she will

By
B. MOLLER

be able to afford to pay for increased imports in other words the whole world's output of arms.

of food and of all other commodities necessary to win the war are at Great Britain's disposal.

The Germans were boasting only a few weeks ago that British sea losses amounted to such a high tonnage total that she was actually blockaded and would in the near future be forced upon her knees by famine and want of raw materials. That was at the moment when the bulk of British Naval forces were distracted from the surveillance of sea

routes to the brilliantly executed evacuation of 335,000 troops from Dunkirk and, subsequently, to securing that the betrayed fleet of France should not be put to use against herself. Once those operations had been successfully carried out, the Navy went back to its daily task and recent merchant shipping losses show a decline of not far from fifty per cent. of what they were at their height.

But even when torpedoing was at its height, losses from this cause had only just attained the figure at which they stood when, after the heavy losses of the first months of "unlimited submarine warfare" in 1917, the British Government could declare that sinkings had been reduced to such an extent that the danger of being cut off was definitely under control.

Now, in spite of the losses by submarine, mines and air bombing the British merchant fleet is larger than in September of last year what with the Norwegian, Danish and Allied ships which are now cooperating with Great Britain under the protection of her fleet.

In effect, such is Britain's naval power that only 47 out of twenty-eight thousand ships in convoy have been sunk. On the other hand Great Britain's blockade of Germany and of all the occupied countries of Europe, by stopping their imports of South American cereals, coffee, etc. has plunged the Central Powers into the heaviest economic crisis they have ever faced.

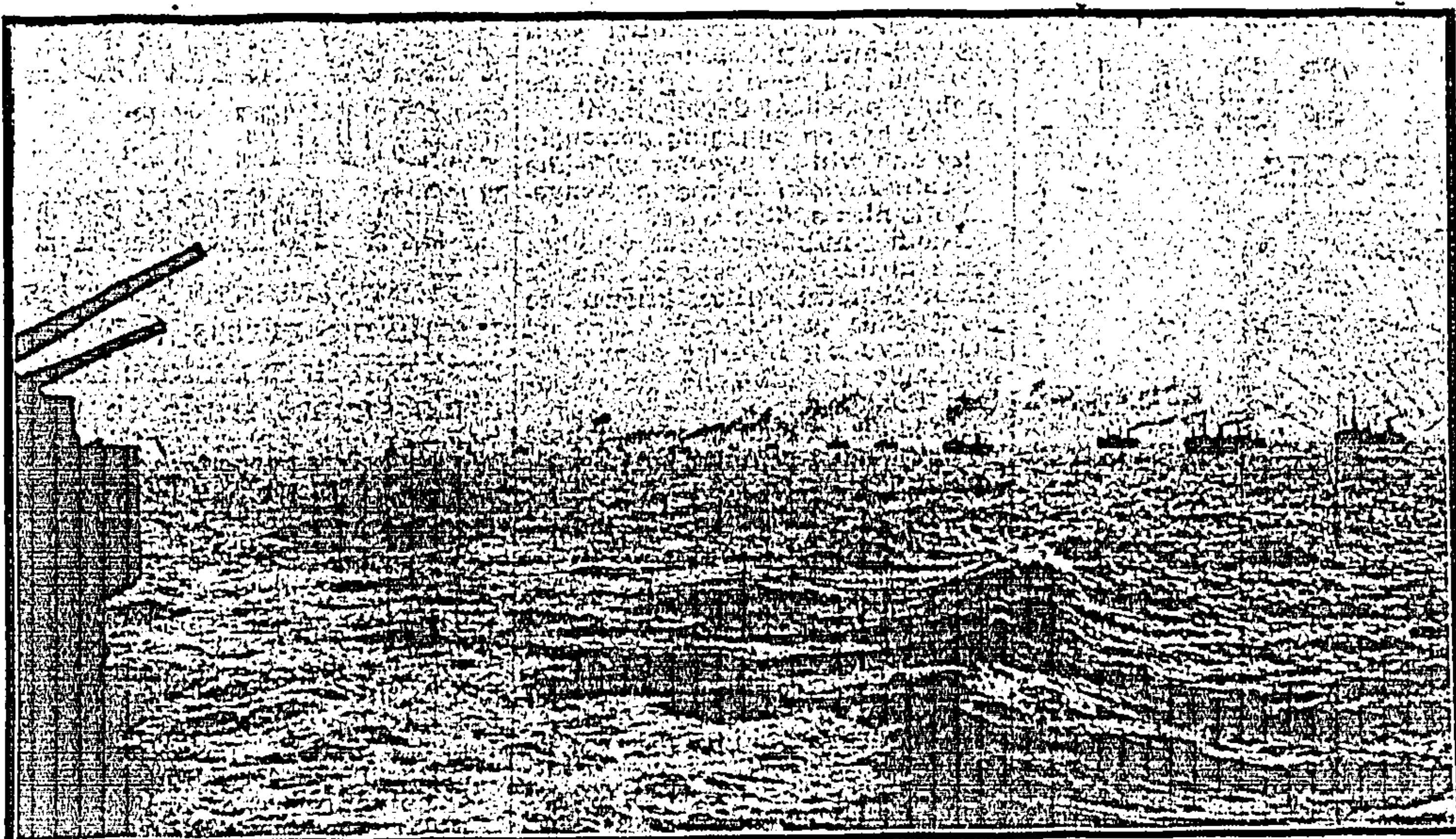
Under the very nose of the Germans at Cherbourg and Calais, British and Allied ships are daily sailing the Channel to London and other British ports. Food stocks in Britain are larger than they have ever been.

Long before the war, the German standard of living had been cut down to its lowest level and nothing more can be extorted from this source for the running of war. When the subdued peoples, when all Germany's neighbours to the South-East, North and West, have been forced to give up their stocks, to hand over their reserves, to work to the marrow of their bones for insatiable Nazidom, when they have been brought to starvation, nay when they are starving by millions—such as is already the case in Poland, and is imminent in Denmark—when they are themselves facing the fate they brought deliberately upon others, then the haughtiness of the "Herrenvolk" will give way and we shall see them as Brussels saw them in 1918, begging for mercy.

Danish seamen are eager to see this happen as soon as possible and are doing their share in bringing about the downfall of Nazi tyranny. They are willing to take their share in the strife, side by side with their brethren of the British Merchant Navy, by manning Danish ships as auxiliary cruisers, as mine-sweepers or in any other sphere where they can fight the common foe and help to restore the freedom of the world and of their own country, Denmark.

Not only spectacular heroism is needed. The war is not won only by sinking German submarines or bombing German aerodromes, but also by steady and silent work. Stokers, as well as the masters or the mess-boys, all are needed to keep up Britain's communications with the Empire and with the yet free countries abroad, the "lines behind the lines," which are not less necessary than the fighting squadrons themselves, in order to supply them with food, arms, munitions and last but not least, with the moral support which gives the final victory.

It is certain that no Danish seaman, nor any other Dane worthy of the name, will take up work for Germany and help to prolong the war and the sufferings of his own country, of his dear ones at home.



Hitler's blockade of Britain is not too successful judging by this photograph. It shows a British warship keeping a watchful eye on the convoy as it passes up Channel on route for home ports—marking the end of another safe voyage thanks to the Royal Navy.

The Dodecanese Islands

By R.N. Rudmose Brown

On its western edge the high plateau of Anatolia, in Asia Minor, which politically is the chief part of modern Turkey, breaks down into a series of long peninsulas extending into the Aegean Sea. Beyond to the west is the island-studded sea. The whole of this sea, its coasts and its islands, may be regarded as Grecian both linguistically and historically. The Aegean Sea is a Grecian lake. But it is also a highway, and from time to time other Powers have impinged on its borders. In the south-east, off the coast of Anatolia, a long festoon of islands called the Dodecanese is one of Italy's least-known overseas possessions. As the name implies, there are twelve main islands, but there are also many smaller islets in the group. From north to south the twelve main islands are Patmos, Leros, Kalymnos, Kos, Astropalia, Nisyros, Symi, Tilos, Chalki, Rhodes, Karpathos, and Kasos.

Italy has changed several of these names or modified their

further complicated his problem of achieving a finally satisfactory solution.

Hitler's career of victory stands checked in Western Europe in its most confident and strident hour. When to escape from the mess, he is willing to attempt to rat on his closest political intimate, Mussolini, that worthy's mood—"as well be hung for a sheep as for a lamb"—can be understood if not condoned.

spelling, but she has been unable to change the Greek traditions of centuries, so the Greek names may well stand. Few of these islands are large; most are only ten to twenty square miles in area. Rhodes, with 545 square miles, is the largest; Kos, with 112 square miles, comes next. The total area of the group is only a little over 1,000 square miles. Several of the islands are lofty, rising to three or four thousand feet in gentle slopes, but there is flat land around many coasts. With varying structure, the islands have different values. Some are made of ancient crystalline rock and yield poor soil and are little cultivated except in the valleys. Others, built of limestone, tend to be arid in the modest rainfall of the Mediterranean climate, but others again, with newer clays or volcanic soils which hold the water, give abundant opportunities for cultivation. Thus there is a great variety of produce, though it is irregularly distributed. Barley and vines do well; the olive, almond, and fig, and even the date palm, are cultivated in places. There is a little tobacco and some vegetables. Goats thrive on the drier ground and sheep manage to survive; cattle are scarce, as always is the case in the Mediterranean, with its lack of summer verdure.

In view of the relatively limited food production the population is surprisingly large, rather over 140,000, who are nearly all Greeks, with a few Jews. There are said to be 12 per cent. of Italians apart

from armed forces. In addition to subsistence agriculture there are several other industries, of which sponge fishing is the most important. This has fallen from its old prosperity, probably because the introduction of diving dress, which temporarily increased the output, has depleted resources. Then, too, there is some octopus fishing, some silk manufacture, a little pottery-making and some wine manufacture, the last on volcanic soils which flavour the output. True to their age-long traditions, the outcome of circumstances, many of the inhabitants are town-dwellers, for the islands have had trading communities for many centuries. Rhodes, on the island of that name, has a population of 27,000, and Calino 15,000. Among the urban population Jews are numerous. Patmos is famed for the monastery founded in the eleventh century, and Kos had an ancient city of fame.

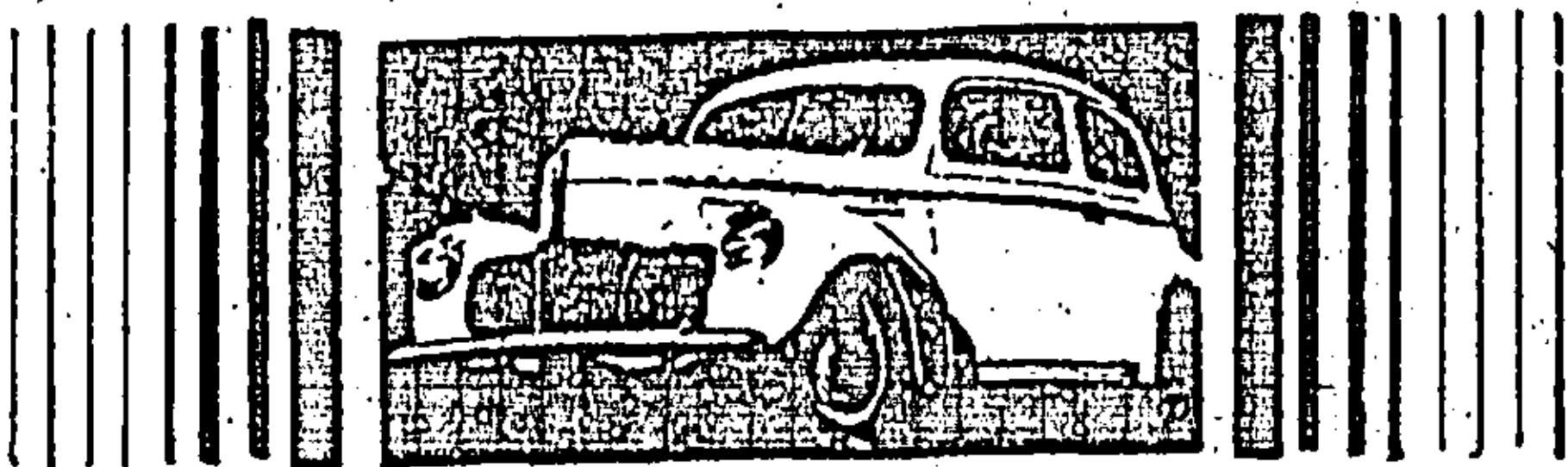
The islands have a long and varied history and were likely enough outposts of the Minoans in the declining years of their civilisation, but they have always been pre-eminently Greek. In 1808, however, Knights Hospitaliers of St. John of Jerusalem installed themselves at Rhodes and claimed adjacent islands, which they held until dispossessed by the Turks in 1522. Under Turkish rule there was some prosperity and eventually a measure of autonomy, but the population fell in numbers. During the war, with Turkey in 1912, Italy seized the islands, and she gained sovereignty over them in 1924, but Greece has never abandoned hope of regaining her rule over those outlying Greeks. The value of the islands as a naval base must not be overlooked. The harbours are small, but good, and among the group a fleet might lurk. As a source of supplies, however, the islands could have little value. There are no railways, and only a few roads of value.

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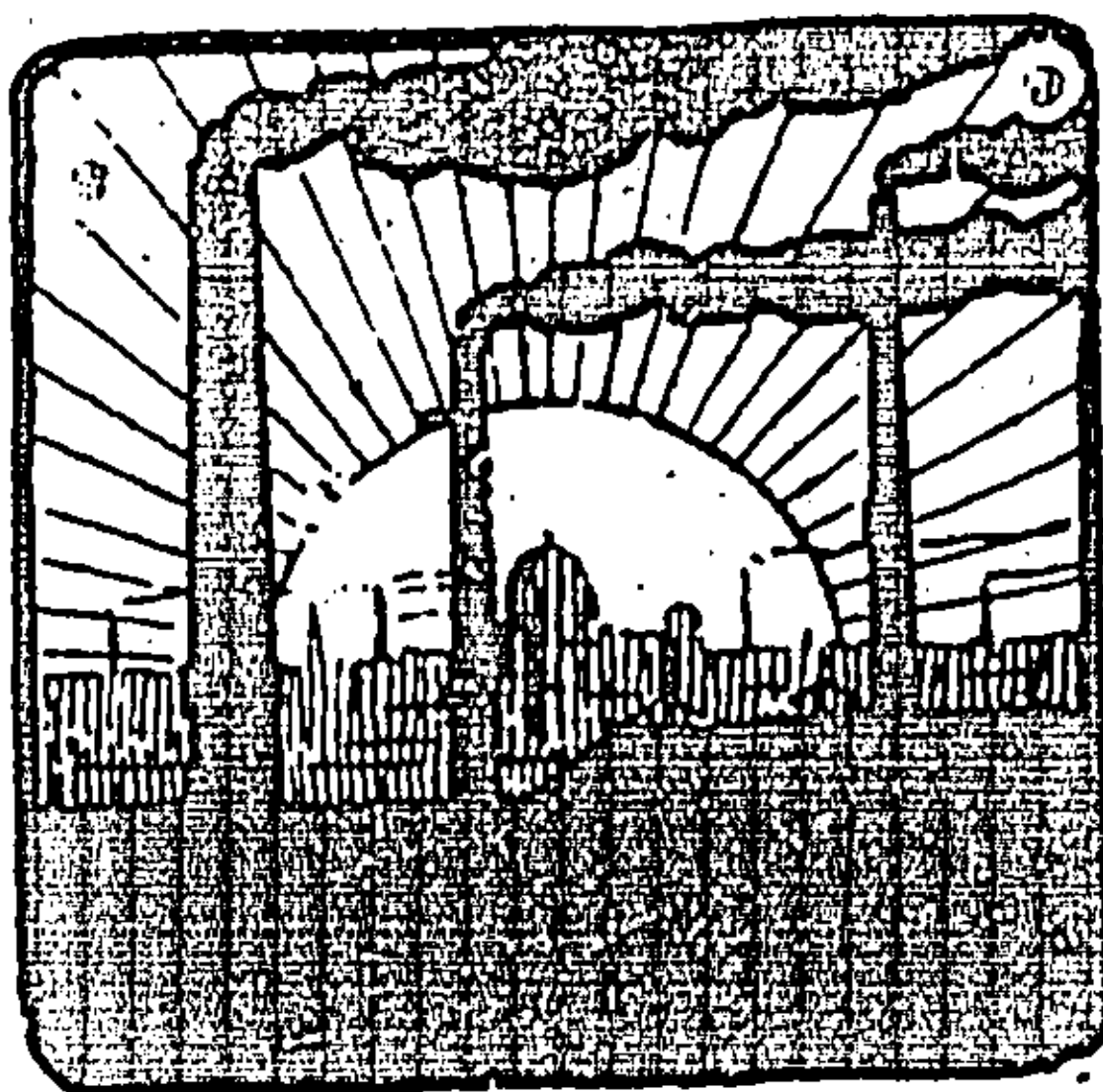
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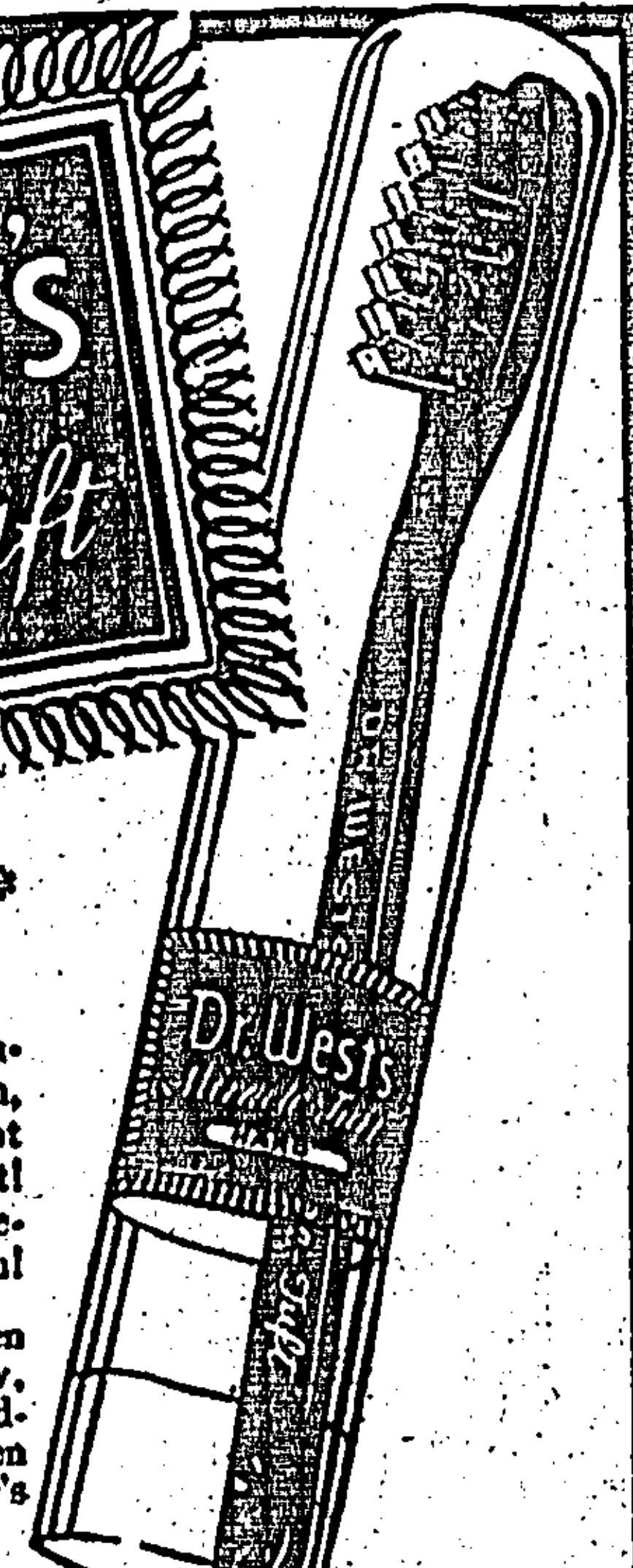
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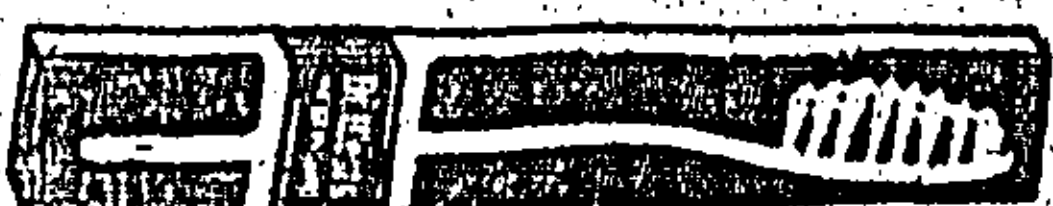
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'LIVE WIRE' GENERAL APPOINTED TO COMMAND IN KENYA

GENERAL WAVELL, Commander-in-Chief of the British forces in the Near East, has received a valuable reinforcement in the person of Major-General A. G. Cunningham, who is going to Kenya to take over command of troops in East Africa.

General Cunningham is a brother of Admiral Sir Andrew Cunningham, who commands the Mediterranean Fleet, and shares his qualities of tenacity and pluck.

Recently General Cunningham has been closely associated with the anti-aircraft defences of Britain and had been a big influence in their practical development.

He has an engaging personality and will be popular with the South African troops in Kenya. He is also a "live wire."

Another military figure who has come to the forefront of late is Major-General Fuller, known to his friends as "Boney" when on the active list because of his remarkable resemblance to Napoleon Bonaparte.

He is also a man of ideas whose writings have commanded a wide public.

A Tank Man

He considered the Army's needs were tanks and yet more tanks, a policy which 18 months ago was unpopular and led to such an acid controversy that General Fuller was branded by the conventional as an extremist.

Nevertheless, in 1923, a permanent Tank Corps was created largely as a result of General Fuller's efforts, and this grew in experience until it was embodied in the Royal Armoured Corps, which now consists of mechanised cavalry and tanks.

General Fuller was not able to serve with the creation of his brain. He retired many years before it matured to devote himself to writing and the study of military history. Now once again his audacious ideas are creating widespread interest.—Reuter.

ANOTHER AMBUSH

British fighting patrols were again active in the Kassala region of the Sudan on October 27 and 28, according to a British communique issued in Cairo yesterday.

The communique adds: "On the latter day a party of the enemy was ambushed, leaving 15 dead and six prisoners in our hands. Two mechanical transport vehicles were also wrecked. Our casualties were nil."

"There is nothing to report from Egypt, Kenya and Palestine." — Reuter.

NEW TRADE ROUTE IS VIA DESERT

Heavy transport lorries rumbling across the desert will help restore Britain's export trade to the Near East, affected by war conditions in the Mediterranean.

These lorries will make regular trips between Baghdad, in Persia, and Haifa, Palestine's Mediterranean port.

The route is via Ramadi, Rutbah Wells and thence alongside the oil pipe line from Iraq to Haifa.

Regular direct sailings via the Cape will be made from British ports to Basra, in the Persian Gulf, from where the goods will be transferred by rail to Baghdad.

Within nine or ten weeks of

ANOTHER HITLER PEACE OFFENSIVE SPEECH?

Diplomatic circles in Zurich believe that decisions of capital importance concerning France were taken at the Florence meeting between Hitler and Mussolini, stated the Italian controlled press agency yesterday.

These decisions, the agency added, are likely to be the subject of a speech which Hitler will shortly make at a specially convened meeting of the Reichstag.—Reuter.

leaving British ports the goods will be delivered in Palestine, Egypt and Syria, as the trans-desert route takes only two weeks.

SEQUEL TO STUBBS ROAD COLLISION

MR. C. W. HAYNES was summoned before Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., this morning, for driving without a valid driver's licence, for driving without due care and caution, and with failing to stop after a collision.

Lieut. Buchanan, of the Royal Scots, told the Court that at about 2 a.m. on September 10, he was driving in Wongneichung Gap Road towards Repulse Bay with Lieut. Glossop. Rounding a bend, he saw a car coming towards him on the wrong side of the road. He pulled to the side and stopped, but Haynes's car collided with him. Haynes drove on. He chased and eventually caught Mr. Haynes's car.

Lieut. Glossop gave similar evidence.

Traffic Sub-Inspector F. J. Clarke said that defendant had held a licence since November 1937, but it expired in June this year.

Defendant was fined \$65.

Leung Kai was summoned for allowing his car to be driven by a person without an appropriate licence. It was alleged that he allowed Haynes to drive his car.

Mr. M. A. da Silva, for the defence, pleaded not guilty and hearing was fixed for November 19.

Talking To Friend

Mr. C. D. N. Walker, of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank, was summoned for driving without due care and caution in Stubbs Road near Tung Shan Terrace.

Traffic Sergeant Sullivan said that at about 3.30 p.m. on October 13, he was rounding an S bend in Stubbs Road when he saw Mr. Walker coming down the road at a speed of about 32 miles. Mr. Walker, because he was talking to a friend in the car, at one point swerved suddenly to the right side of the road.

Mr. Walker was cautioned. He had a clear record.

ISOLATED RAIDS ON BRITAIN

ISOLATED ENEMY AIRCRAFT MADE ATTACKS ON VARIOUS PARTS OF BRITAIN AFTER MIDDAY YESTERDAY, STATES AN AIR MINISTRY COMMUNIQUE.

Bombs were dropped on two towns in the Eastern Counties and at a point in south Wales and the Midlands, according to reports hitherto received.

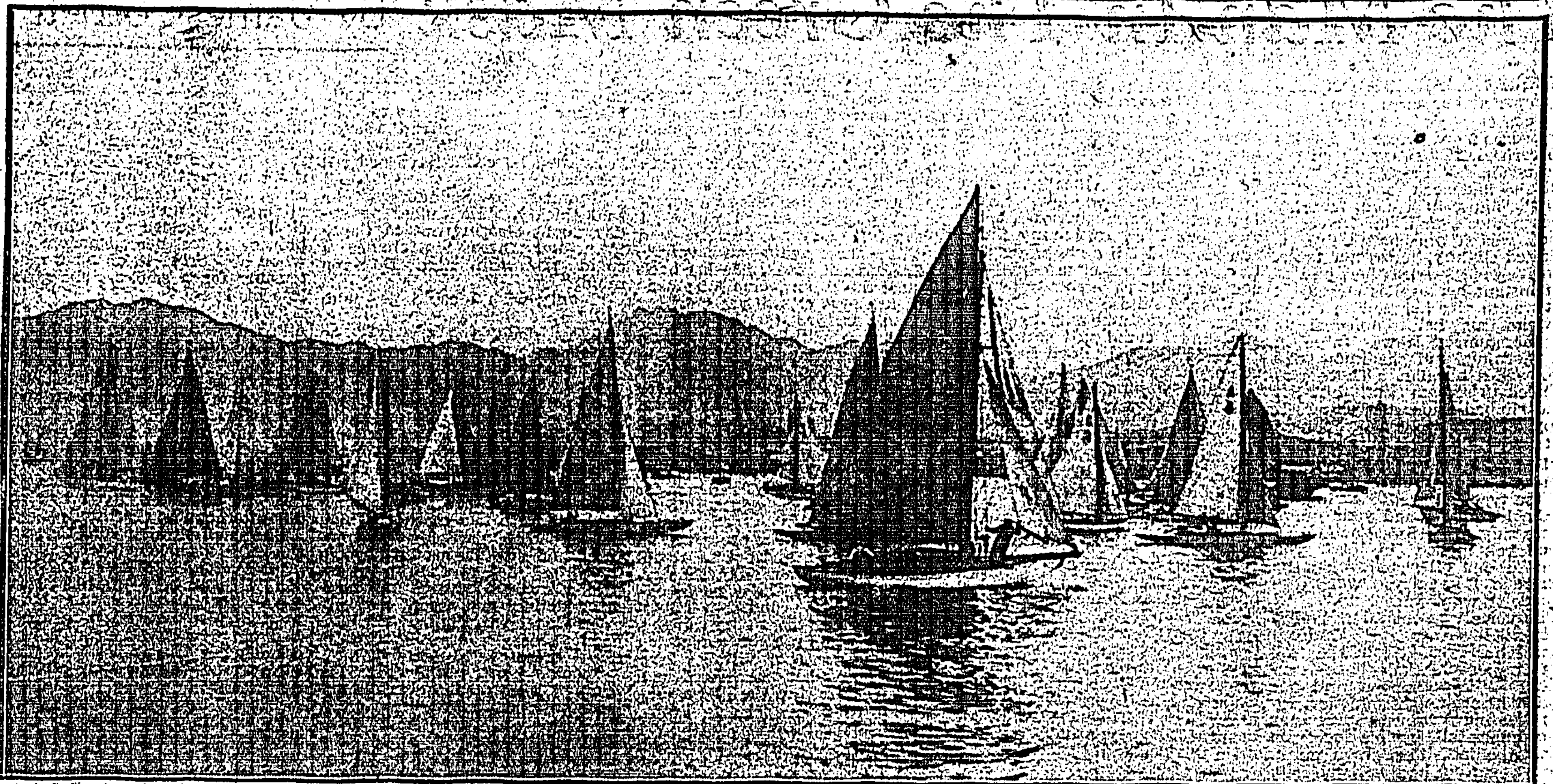
There was a small number of casualties but resulting damage was slight.—Reuter.



Betty Field and Lon Chaney, Jr., are involved in this scene which takes place at Aguora Ranch, the setting of "Of Mice and Men," the Hal Roach production which opens to-day at the King's Theatre.

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FRIDAY SUPPLEMENT, HONG KONG, NOVEMBER 1, 1940.



A general view of the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club's fleet setting out on Saturday for the opening cruise of the season, preliminary to the formal opening by H.E. the acting Governor of the new clubhouse on Kellett Island. His Excellency sailed with the Commodore (Mr. N. V. A. Craucher) whose La Cigale I took first place.



A sampan trip out to the yachts which started from Murray Pier. H. J. Armstrong and J. F. Dunnell are among the yachtsmen in the picture.



Major-General A. E. Grassett, the G.O.C., chatting on Murray Pier prior to Saturday's yacht race, the opening of the season.

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SHORT STORY

The Man In The Green Mask By James Corbett

MILDRETH HARRINGTON half-opened her eyes. She was conscious of a movement in her bedroom, of someone peering into corners. Then she closed her eyes again, but before they were shut she had seen something. It was the figure of a man, wearing a green mask, and in his right hand was a pin-point light. It flickered slightly, across her table, then it swept towards her, and at that instant her eyelids closed.

It was to give her time to think, to wake from her troubled sleep, for she guessed it was three in the morning, and she knew this man was a burglar. There was no need to scream out, but her hand slipped under the pillow. It gripped that little French revolver, and she withdrew it quietly.

"I should leave that alone!" came a mocking voice. "You are not the type, Mildreth Harrington, to shoot straight, and your nerve is unsteady. You forgot one thing. When you moved in bed you knocked that other pillow on the floor, and I knew you were disturbed. I want your help."

The voice was charming, and it spoke in level tones. Mildreth opened her eyes. Again she saw that tiny torch, that flash-lamp with the pin-point lens, and behind it her midnight intruder. He was wearing a brown suit, was exceedingly tall, but his face was hidden behind the green mask. She was certain he was handsome, with a virile personality, and she felt strangely thrilled.

"Please switch on the light," she begged. "I am not going to call for help, or do anything nonsensical. But you have made me dreadfully curious. Why have you paid me this visit?"

He took the French revolver, and placed it in a drawer of her table.

"The electric light might attract attention," he protested. "I have no intention of molesting you, but I have come on a definite mission, and time is an important factor. In your possession is a diamond bracelet. It's worth £250 at a low figure. I have searched those two drawers, also your chateleine bag. You must solve the mystery!"

He stared at her quietly, noted the rush of colour to the lovely face, then the pallor, that quick indrawn breath. He gazed into her dark eyes, held them relentlessly, then smiled.

"Is that all you want?" she asked. "I mean, how did you know I have that bracelet?"

"That interests my profession," he responded. "There is nothing else I want—nothing but the bracelet—and make it snappy!"

She held up her left hand, and removed the bracelet from her wrist. With a frown, she placed it in his palm. She sighed at her loss.

"You must have a wonderful source of information," she announced, her tone resentful. "That bracelet was a special gift from mother on my last birthday!"

"What a pity to deprive you of it," he answered cynically, moving to the half-open window. "Well, I'm sorry I can't give you a receipt, but I've forgotten my fountain pen, and I'm a clumsy writer. In case you think of pressing that bell, or making the slightest move for help, I advise you to think twice. It would be easy to silence you—and I could still get away."

She sat up and folded her arms behind her head. A faint moonlight was shining into the room. She knew it was useless to make a fuss, that a balustrade was outside the window, of her London flat, that this marauder would make good his escape. Apart from that, she did not want him to leave. Not yet at least. She wanted to find out something about him, to hear again that voice.

"You seem to be in a dreadful hurry," she exclaimed in that low tone. "Won't you give some explanation? I mean—you are not the type, not the common cat-burglar. You have the University voice; you speak as if this act was distasteful, as if you were not used to it. Won't you tell me how it happened, how you have come to be in this position?"

"Perhaps I might be able to help," she faltered. "There is such a thing as reinstatement, and we all make mistakes. If it is money you want—"

He had reached the window. But he stood there waiting, that grin round his lips. His flash-lamp was still levelled.

"No, I don't want money!" he snarled. "Just this trinket—nothing else. Thanks for your sympathy—but I'm afraid it is wasted."

"Is this your profession?" she begged again, wishing he would try to kiss her, or give her some excuse for tearing off that mask.

"It is for to-night," he grinned. "But what a good job I disturbed you. Do you usually sleep with a diamond bracelet on your arm?"

"No, but that was a special gift, and I was afraid of losing it."

"From your mother?"

"Yes. Do you doubt my word?"

"Not in the least. But it does seem funny!"

"What's funny about it?"

"Never mind. You can think that one out, Mildreth Harrington—but don't make me laugh too much!"

She bit her lip, and again the crimson rushed to her forehead. Now she felt she hated him, and he had such a charming voice.

"How did you discover my name?" she asked tearfully.

He re-crossed the room, made a

sudden movement, and caught her up in his arms. Without a word, he pressed his mouth close against her lips. It was the most wonderful kiss she had experienced, and she lay back exhausted. He moved to the window.

"You should not look so glamorous," he apologised. "However, I am giving away no secrets, and until we meet again—au revoir!"

She did not speak. She lay back against the pillow, breathing heavily, her eyes closed, yet knowing he had vanished, that he had departed as stealthily as he had come.

She made no effort to sound an alarm, ever to press the bell that might have brought the caretaker or summoned the police. Those thoughts never entered her mind. She had a deeper motive for her silence, and it caused her to bury her head in the bedclothes. She sobbed piteously, and not for two hours did she drift into a heavy sleep.

In the morning she preserved an odd composure, and not to a soul did she mention her midnight visitor. Apparently he was an expert cat burglar, and that balustrade gave him an advantage. What mystified her was something else. Who was her visitor, how did he know her name, and how could he be aware she had a diamond bracelet?

That afternoon, when she met her brother Anthony at Crichton's Cafe, off New Oxford-street, she seemed a different woman. He noted the alteration, and when he found a secluded table he remarked on her altered demeanour. Anthony Harrington was the Mayfair type, fashionably dressed, Bohemian in appearance, good looking, with features that spoke of dissipation. His brown eyes were far from steady, the pallor of his cheeks significant. He glanced at the blue costume worn by his sister, at the modest hat, at the pale face stressing a restless night.

"You look as if you had been on the tiles," he grinned, after giving an order to the waitress. "You have lost that saucy look; you seem almost human. Don't say you have fallen in love!"

Mildreth gave a start, made an effort to speak, then waited until the tea came. The place was packed with people, and the orchestra had already commenced. She glanced at her brother with disapproval; why did he seem so hideous at the instant? She knew his record, his gay life, his reckless expenditure. It was time to be firm. This afternoon she would talk to him plainly.

"Tony, you and I must come to an understanding," she began, pouring out the tea. "The financial position has changed, and you must find a job."

"What do you infer?" he blazed out, lowering his voice, yet speaking with concentrated anger. "Do you mean you have brought no cash, that you have not negotiated a cheque?"

Mildreth helped herself to a French scone, and added sugar to her China tea. She never referred to her adventure; that was something her brother should never know.

"It means your Mayfair career has come to an end," she announced, and her voice was different. "I have coddled you since mother died, being my kid brother, but you have never played the game Tony, and now the racket must stop. I have no further money. What are you going to do about it?"

"But the overdraft—" he spluttered, half-dazed with the shock. "The bank will not advance another farthing," she replied, "and I have to find work as a mannequin, or even take up film work. Anything to keep floating. Even my flat must go. I will have to get cheap rooms, and you will have to clear out of Mayfair. The bank manager is adamant; I can find no further security!"

"But this is ridiculous!" Tony protested, half-rising to his feet. "I owe £200—money that must be found in 24 hours—and I was depending on you to the last trench!"

"I have reached it!" his sister answered. "You have spent every penny, Tony, and your speculations have been ruinous. Gambling is in your blood, but your luck has deserted you, and there is nothing ahead but prison. I advise you to pull up in time."

"Your mean you can't get hold of £50?"

"Not five!"

"Good lord! Then I must find a job!"

"Yes, it's an idea, and when you do get one, Tony, wipe those men off your list. They have led you

to perdition, and those night clubs have been the ruin of us both. Mayfair has dragged us to the depths, and I don't intend to sink."

Tony turned white to the lips, he wished he could have ordered a brandy.

"I must see Saunderson," he said thickly. "He talked yesterday about clearing out to Capetown, and there is a chance I could go with him. Do you mind?"

"I only wish I could go with you!"

"Why don't you marry?" he blazed again.

"That's another idea," Mildreth replied, "but judging from the Mayfair specimens you have presented my wedding will have to wait. Take that African appointment, Tony, take anything for the present, but get out of the Mayfair district!"

He nodded. Since their parents died, Mildreth had mothered him, but he had sponged on her shamefully, and now she would have to leave that flat at Cambrian-terrace. He would have to pull himself together, and accept that offer in Capetown. That would be a good excuse to leave London, to forget those cursed debts.

"Look here, Mildreth, I'm damned sorry about everything," he spluttered. "I have been going the pace—we have both been stepping out—but I have been worse than you, and it's all my fault about the gambling. I haven't found a winner for weeks, and the bills have been mounting up. I'll see Saunderson this evening, and go out with him by the next boat. I will repay you somehow—in some fashion—but I won't let you down!"

They gripped hands, and Mildreth knew he meant it. Perhaps it was a case of self-preservation. At any rate, Tony was speaking like his real self. Capetown might prove his salvation, and Saunderson was a steady sort. A mining speculator, but he had brains and resource. She could trust her brother with him.

Later, when rising to leave, she gave an involuntary start, and almost stumbled in a kind of panic. Two men had entered, and the voice of one smote her ears.

Perhaps she was dreaming, but it seemed the same voice, the voice of the man with the green mask. That was absurd, yet she stared at the speaker with an intent gaze. Only for an instant, then passed onward, and hardly knew how she reached the door. She would remember that face again, those grave-blue eyes. Could it have been the person she imagined, her midnight marauder, the man who kissed her so fiercely. She had no means of telling, but his height was the same, and surely there could not be two voices like that? She was aware he met her gaze, that he had given a sudden smile, but was it one of recognition, or just the glance a man gives a good-looking girl? If he watched her to the door she did not know about it. She never glanced back, and when Tony left her on the pavement she returned with all speed to her flat.

She had to pack, to make arrangements to leave, but her mind seemed a blank, and at the end of half an hour she was smoking cigarettes.

An hour later the telephone rang, and she was surprised at the message. It was an invitation from Mrs. Brookland, of 4, Cadogan Mansions, to attend a reception that evening. She had only met the lady twice, and Mrs. Brookland seemed a different type—quite different from the others. Apparently she remembered her, and wished to see her again. Her voice was friendly, and, acting on impulse, Mildreth promised to attend. Besides, Mrs. Brookland would not invite the usual gang; it would be a select affair, for she was notably exclusive, also exceedingly wealthy, and it was lucky to receive an invitation from her personally.

She dressed quietly, and made no effort to appear glamorous. When her taxi drove up to 4, Cadogan Mansions, she had a strange intuition that something would happen. She could not decide it, but it occurred an hour later, during the middle of the reception, and she felt herself, from that moment in the hands of Fate.

The man to whom she was introduced—Ricard Carleton—was no other than the individual she had met at Crichton's Cafe, the man who smiled at her, the man who possessed the duplicate voice, to the one owned by her midnight visitor. He passed off the introduction formally, almost with indifference, yet, fifteen minutes afterwards, he sought her out, and she found herself dancing with him. Now she was certain the miracle had occurred, that, by some strange stroke of destiny, she had met the one man who could matter, irrespective of his midnight profession or anything else! She decided to challenge him, or to test her suspicion, and when he led her to an alcove, ostensibly for a smoke, she gazed into his eyes.

"Where have I met you?" she asked, looking at him through a smoke-cloud, and wondering why his voice, thrilled so strangely. Surely she could not be mistaken, surely this must be the man with the green mask?

He gave a shrug, then his lips relaxed, and he glanced out at the swaying dancers.

"If my memory does not deceive me," he answered, "you had tea this afternoon at Crichton's Cafe."

She saw he was teasing her, and she made a movement of protest. "Do not joke, please!" she begged. "Of course, we met at Crichton's Cafe, but it was then I was positive you were not a stranger. If I am wrong you must have a double, but it was not your features, your voice makes all the difference!"

"How?" he enquired gently. "I would remember it anywhere—even after the lapse of years!" she continued. "It has a peculiar inflexion; a Southern note that strikes forcibly, and I have heard it before!"

"When?" he enquired, with exasperating coolness, never removing his gaze. He wanted to tell her how entrancing she looked; that she, too, had caught him in a spell.

Mildreth wondered if she would take the plunge? Could she have the courage to tell him everything, or should she dissemble?

"Listen, please," she announced, "you may think me mad—perhaps overstrung—but I am going to tell you something I have mentioned to no one—not even to my brother—and that was the individual you saw me with this afternoon. I dare not tell him because he would want to notify the police. I can trust you implicitly?"

"Beyond the shadow of a doubt," he said, lighting a cigarette, and watching the crimson mount to that lovely forehead. He had never seen a more graceful figure, a more desirable creature, and he seemed to understand her better than she did herself. "If you had an adventure of some kind, what had the police to do with it, and why should they be notified?"

"That is the point," she affirmed, speaking more coherently. "I ought to notify the Yard, or Vine-street Station, or a police-sergeant. You see, Mr. Carleton, it happened last night—in my bedroom—and it was the most sensational thing in my life. A burglar entered my flat!"

"Indeed!" He never moved—not an eyelid. Indeed his sang froid maddened her.

"Yes, a cat-burglar," she proceeded. "He must have climbed my balustrade, and about three in the morning he made his appearance in my room. I heard a movement, and when I opened my eyes I saw a man wearing a green mask!"

"How interesting!" Carleton (Continued on Page 3)



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The Man In The Green Mask

drawled. "Why did you not summon help? You don't mean he pinched anything?"

"Yes, he took my diamond bracelet!"

"Heavens! Did you let him get away with it?"

"Yes, I had no option. He might have strangled me!"

"The brute! Well, proceed. What developed; why have you kept quiet about the incident? Why, it would have made a front headline for the papers!"

"There was no one in the house but a caretaker, and he is more than slightly deaf. He sleeps at the top of the building, and I don't think he would have heard. But that is not the exciting part. The real mystery is that the burglar knew my name, and he only wanted that bracelet—nothing else!"

"Good lord! What a funny chap! Were you not frightened?"

"No, I was thrilled. You see, it was my first adventure. Mr. Carleton, and the man attracted me; a good deal. I felt sorry for him. He did not seem the ordinary type; indeed, he was a gentleman, and he could not have been more polite. He had hunted everywhere for that bracelet, then, when he saw he had woke me up, he just told me what he wanted, and I gave it to him—the bracelet, I mean."

"Were you wearing it?"

"Yes, how did you guess?"

"Just a hunch of mine. But I am still in the dark, Miss Harrington. Why have you not notified the police? There must have been finger-prints; any number of clues, and that chap may easily be caught!"

"Oh, but I don't wish him caught. I still feel tremendously sorry for him. I asked for an explanation. I wanted to know why he took up that profession, but he did not answer my question. Now, since I met you this afternoon, I have been in a quandry. You see, Mr. Carleton, I don't think the voice of that cat-burglar has a duplicate, and I am wondering if you could have been the

man in the green mask. You have his voice. You seem the same person—your manner—everything—but, of course, it is absurd, isn't it, and I am really quite mad!"

Carleton shrugged. He still appeared to regard it as a joke.

"You are pulling my leg, aren't you?" he queried. "This adventure never happened, did it? If it did, and you think I possess the same voice as your burglar, well—you are hardly paying me a compliment, are you?"

"No, of course not. I humbly apologise!"

"There is no need to be sorry about it," he continued. "I am just intrigued over one part. You say the chap came for that diamond bracelet, that he wanted nothing else? Are you certain on that point?"

Mildred flushed. She was trembling; it seemed beyond her strength to continue.

"Quite certain," she affirmed. "I offered him money; he declined with thanks. He just wanted that bracelet—and he went away when he got it. I think it was worth £300. It was a gift from my mother."

Carleton shook his head. He did not seem impressed.

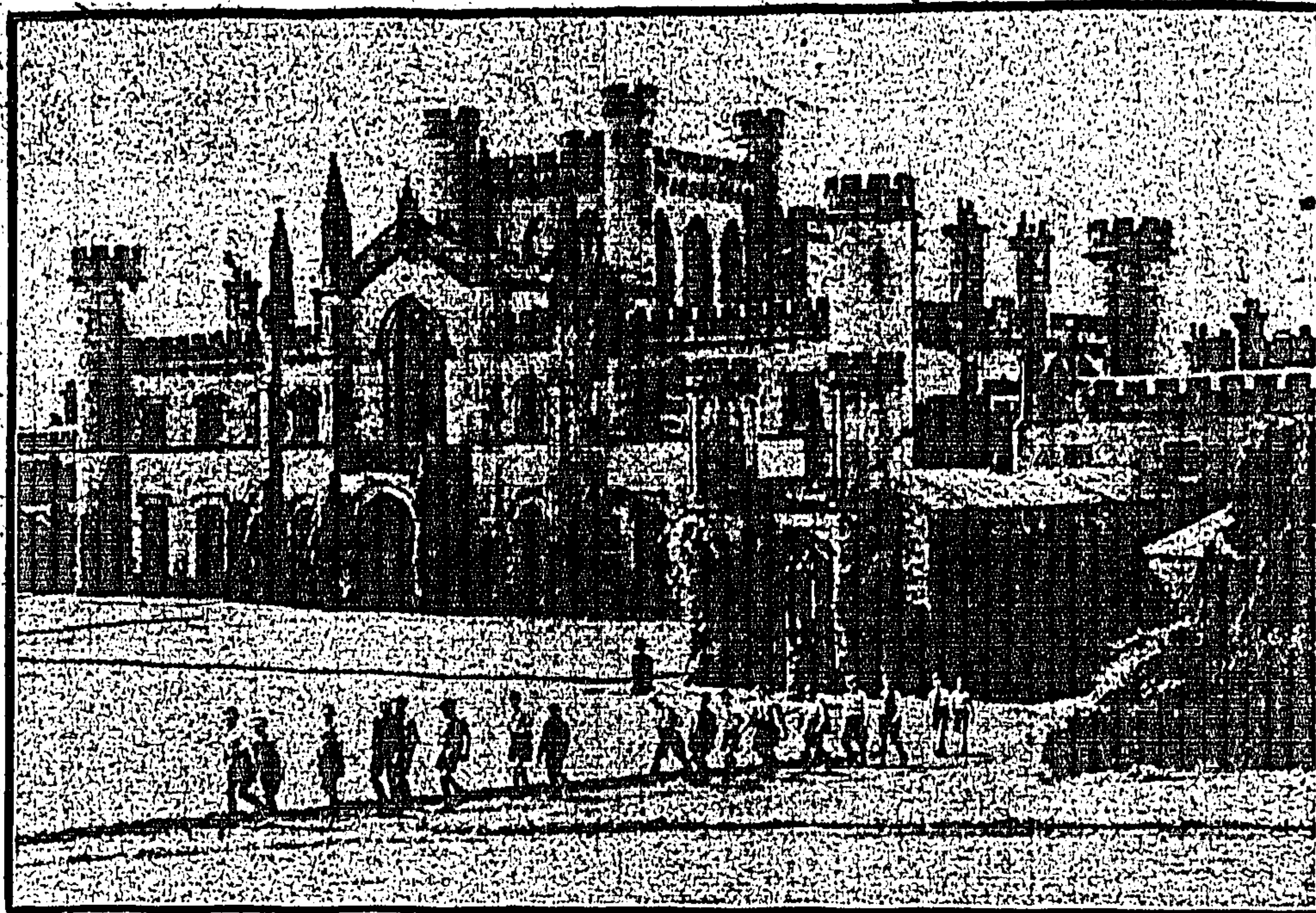
"There you drift to phantasy," he corrected. "The chap could not have missed such an opportunity. I am inclined to wager he kissed you. Indeed, if you will forgive me, I am certain you permitted him to kiss you, that you made not the slightest protest, that you lay in his arms for two or three divine moments!"

She sprang to her feet; then slipped back on her seat.

"Then it was you!" she exclaimed. "I was right, after all, in my intuition. You are the man in the green mask!"

Carleton nodded. He leaned forward, and his voice dropped a half-tone.

"There is no need to make a scene about it," he drawled, "but you are under a misapprehension. I am not a burglar, Miss Harrington. I merely paid that visit to rescue some stolen property. You see, I know where that diamond



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bracelet was obtained. You took it last night when a guest at 4, Albion-square, Mayfair, and it belonged to Miss Adele Vicary, the young American heiress. You were suspected by your hostess, Mrs. Darlington, and I was instructed to act in the matter."

Mildred gave a gasp. She felt sick with horror. At any instant she might be arrested.

"Then you are a detective?"

Again Carleton shook his head. He sat with arms folded, his eyes full of compassion, that wonderful voice firm.

"That is not correct," he continued. "I was a private detective in the old days—before I went to Africa—and when I made good out in the mines I saw no reason to copy the methods of Scotland Yard. I have been back in London a month, and since that date Mrs. Darlington has been putting me wise about Mayfair Society. Several articles have been missing; they have been annexed by the guests, and there has been no prosecution. Mayfair hostesses have dreaded scandal. The articles have been taken by Mayfair guests, and there is always a definite reason.

Money shortage; gambling debts; to keep young wastrels from doing honest work—but I did not calculate that you would be concerned. I was given your address, and I got to work. It was a method of my own, and the diamond bracelet has been returned.

At my request, there will be no publicity, but I want an explanation. Why the hell did you pinch that bracelet?"

Mildred shivered. The tears would not come, but she sat there with a white face, and the man saw the Gethsemane through which she was passing. He waited patiently. Then she told him her story.

The sudden temptation to get money for her brother; her moment of weakness when she saw the bracelet lying on the table, with its owner temporarily absent at the telephone. She knew other Mayfair guests were at the same racket; that articles were being annexed, that there was no publicity, no prosecution, that the whole business was simple—and she succumbed. That bracelet passed into her possession, and, under the plea of a headache she had excused herself from the reception had slipped

ped away in the first taxi she could find, back to the security of her flat. She would procure the cash for that bracelet the following day; her brother would be relieved of financial pressure, and no one would be the wiser for her escapade.

"Now you hate me as the vilest thing in London," she concluded tearfully. "You gave a wonderful performance, Mr. Carleton, but you spoilt everything at the end—you should never have made the blunder of kissing me!"

He rose to his feet, then took her slowly in his arms.

"Listen, Mildred," he said gently, "I have been checking up on you, on your brother and everything else, and you will find he will get that African trip. I have spoken a word for him. You see, he knew Mrs. Darlington, and it was my suggestion that resulted in your getting this invitation. We have been arranging things between us—and now I must return that kiss I took so shamefully!"

She lay passive in his arms, but at that instant she knew she had fallen, fallen completely for the man in the green mask!

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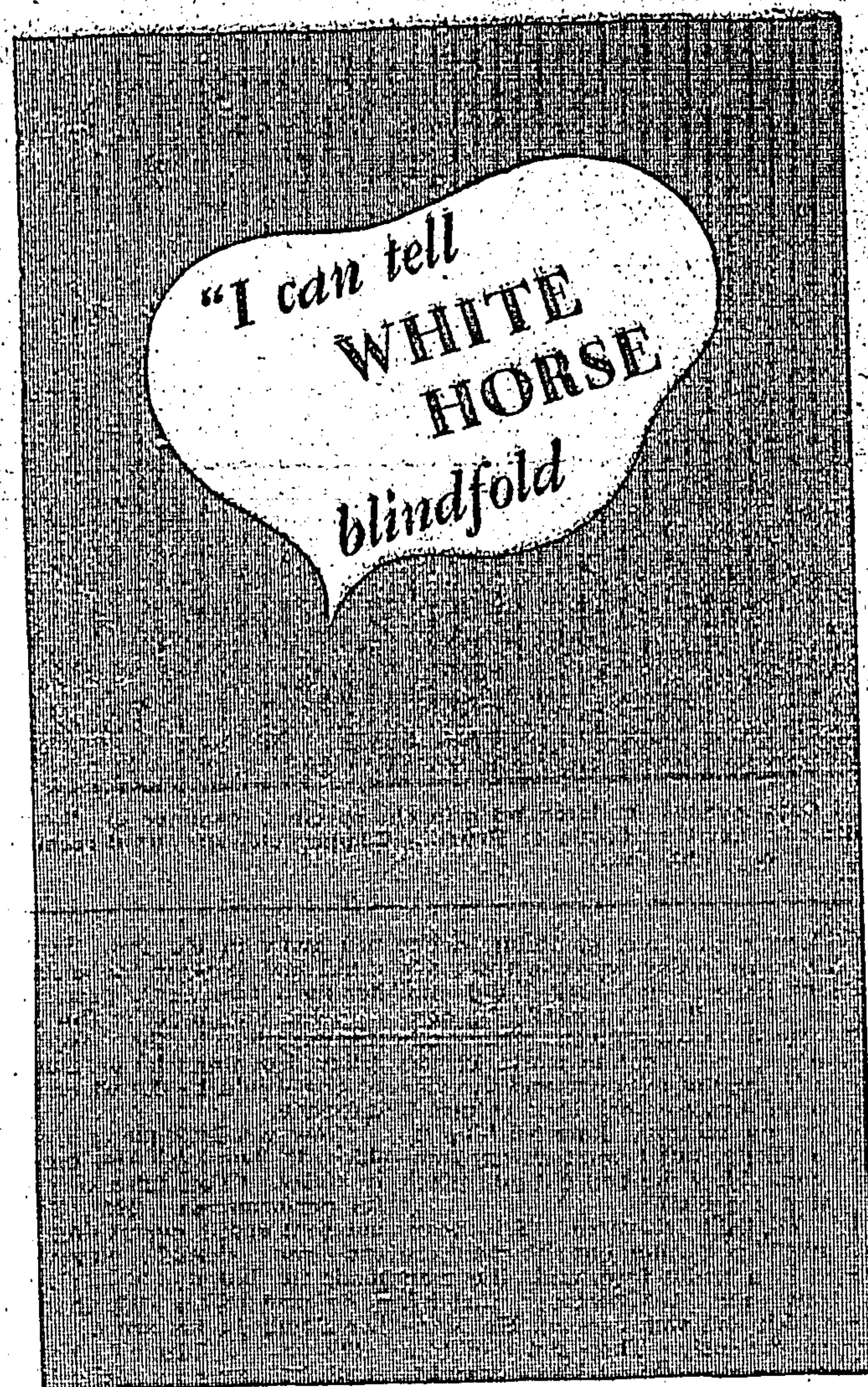
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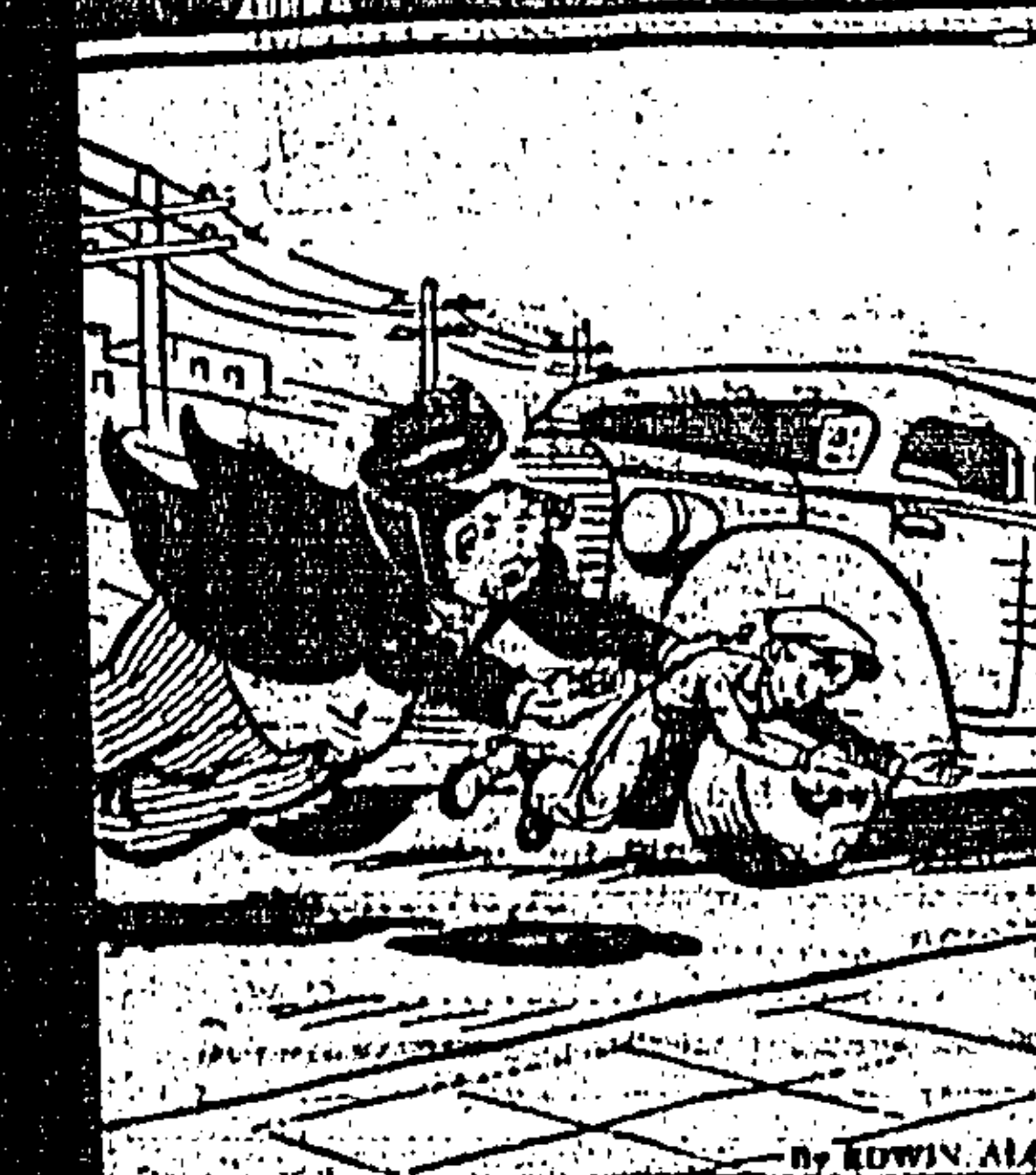
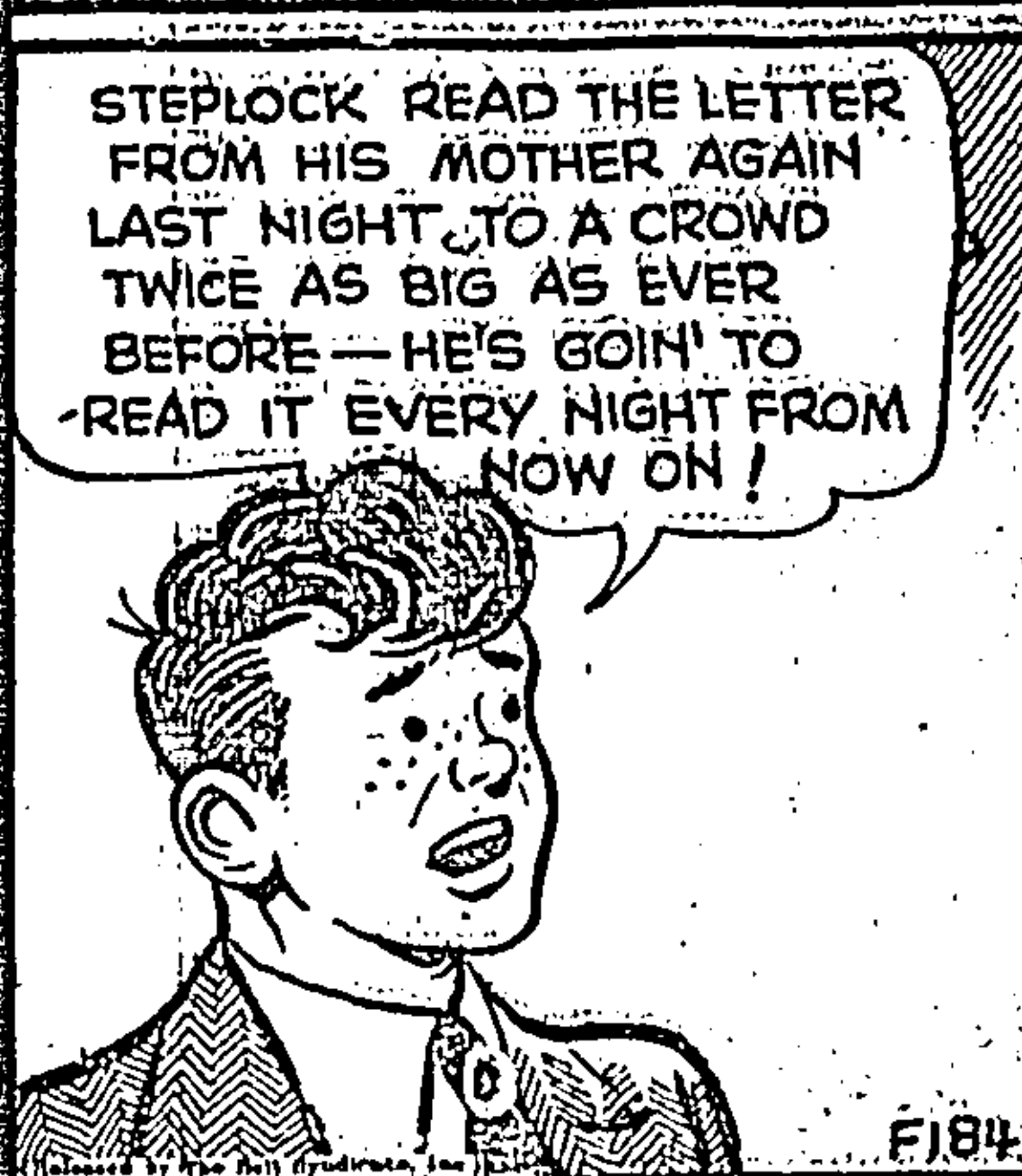
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What I Saw Of The Effects Of Bombing

FROM reports and photographs those in distant parts of the world may tend to visualise London partly in ruins or at least showing terrible signs of damage. For a building destroyed is news. A building left standing is not. Naturally it is pictures of what is damaged, not what is intact, that are given circulation.

This week I visited London, which, for reasons unconnected with the war, I had not seen since the heavy raids began. Travelling up by a slow train on a bright clear morning, I confess I expected to see many traces of raiders as one looked over wide stretches of roofs down innumerable streets.

All I saw on a journey via the suburbs were some broken windows in a typical small poor street and two or three houses which had collapsed under the blast of a bomb which had fallen some yards from them.

In the heart of Clubland not even a broken window could be seen in the few streets through which I walked. Except for the familiar precautionary measures everything was normal. Though a raid warning had sounded people were going about their business and one noticed that car parks were filled to overflowing.

Of course serious damage had been done in places, but they have to be looked for. By day at least the visitor is in fact mainly impressed by the normality of London and by the very high percentage of its area which stands intact and in fact showing no trace of the nightly raids.

It would indeed be very wrong to minimise the seriousness or indeed, for many families, the personal tragedy of the attack on London. When you come across it the damage may in itself be terribly dramatic. A couple of big Regency houses were clipped out clean from the great and beautiful terrace. Half a dozen shops were knocked into ruins and glass was spilled over a wide circle by a bomb. A crater in a famous street was large enough to hide a small house in—for those who love London these are not pretty sights.

Nor frankly is it any fun at all to "go to the ground" in a shelter at dusk, to sleep in the racket in danger until light brings security again. Fear is not a pleasurable emotion and many have learned what it is for the first time.

Here the humour, realism and, of course, the indomitable courage of the English, be they men or women, young or old, are completely meeting the situation.

As for material damage, it must be measured and given its due importance by the fact that London is carrying on as the capital and the political, administrative, industrial, commercial and intellectual headquarters of Britain.

Its activities flow forward. Its Ministries assemble. Its commit-

tees execute. Its business is transacted. Its work is done. Its millions are fed, transported and protected. Its roads and railways are open and, except when darkness offers raiders easy hiding, its skies are its own too.

Moreover, damage once done is not damage for all time. A railway viaduct may be hit in the small hours. By nightfall trains may be passing over once again.

There is a further fact about these raids on London which is fundamental and has not received the attention which its importance deserves.

Night raids, other things being equal, are clearly very poor substitutes for the day, when targets and damage can both be seen.

By Major-General Sir Chas Gwynn

But, for all practical purposes there are no day-raids on London. Why? Because day-raids have been tried and have failed. They have been defeated, indeed crippled, by the incomparable Royal Air Force.

This perhaps is the outstanding feature of the war in its present phase and may well also be the decisive development of the whole war.

Turn to the enemy's side of the picture. Here we find evidence of the increasing offensive power of the Royal Air Force.

The R.A.F.'s attacks on what are known as "invasion ports" continue with increasing intensity.

Apart from their preventive value they must cause much loss of life and morale in the enemy's ranks. For ports must at all times be scenes of activity with working parties and permanent detachments in charge of shipping or in readiness to deal with fires.

The moral effect of suspense on troops awaiting zero day over an ever-lengthening period even if casualties are not heavy must be considerable.

Raids on Berlin and other centres have not been relaxed in spite of the concentration on invasion ports.

On the Egyptian frontier the Italian advance has halted for a time. There are still many miles of desert to cross before it comes in collision with General Wilson's main army. The Navy, R.A.F. and General Wilson's light forces are meanwhile harassing Graziani's attempts to establish depots along his route.

German aircraft are reported to have joined the Italians but so long as the attack on Britain proceeds and invasion preparations are maintained their numbers are likely to be limited. Their special

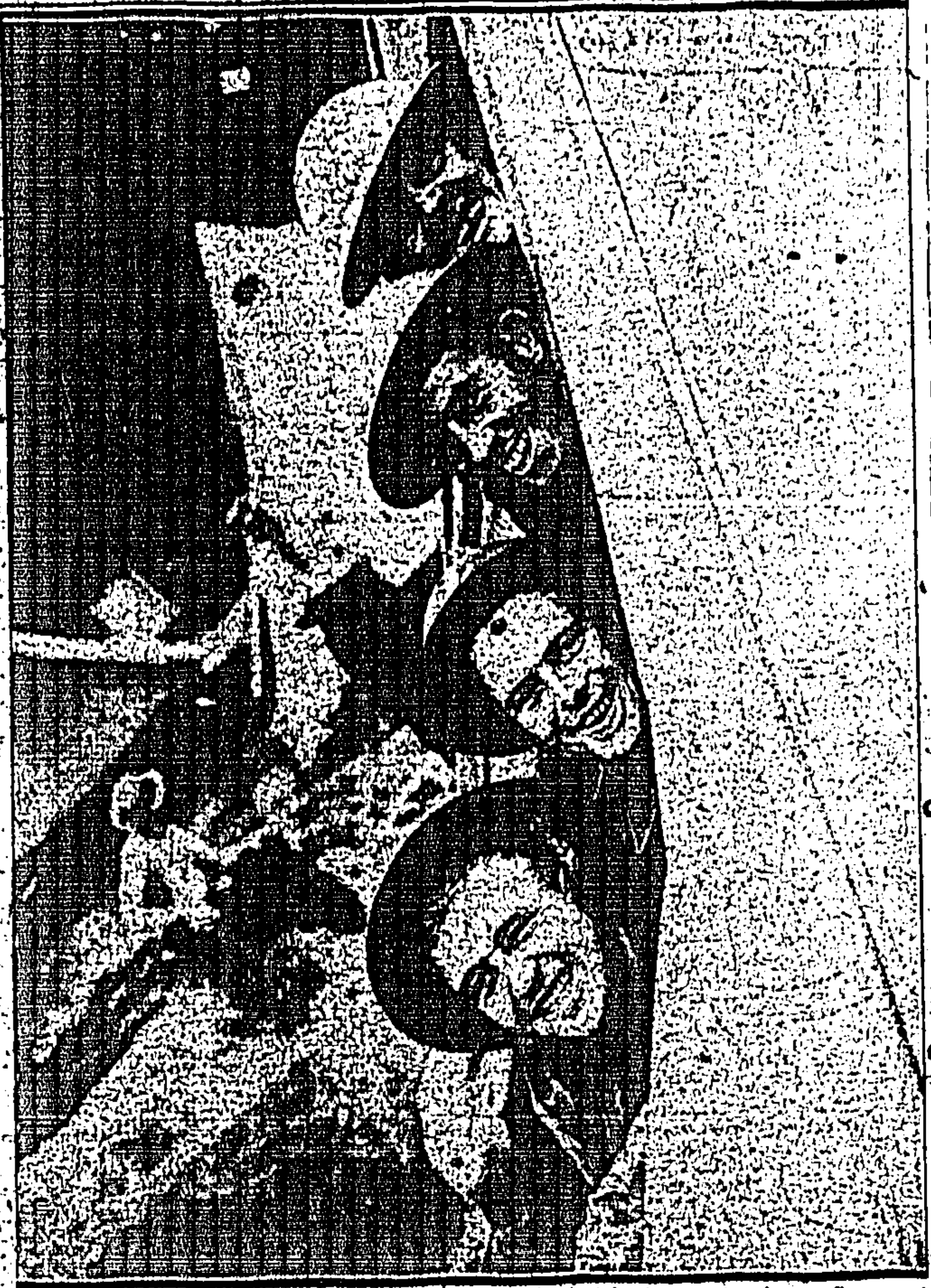
purpose at present may be to acquire a knowledge of desert flying and to recognise the targets on its face.

Italian naval action and the movement of merchant shipping continue to be marked by extreme caution.

General de Gaulle's attempt to enlist support in French West Africa has unfortunately failed and it has resulted in another regrettable clash with the Vichy Government's forces which opened fire on British ships. General de Gaulle was determined to avoid fighting Frenchmen and when it was clear he would meet with resistance the abandonment of his attempt was inevitable.

Britain's essential interest is, of course, to prevent Dakar falling under German control. But although German agents have apparently been active at Dakar, the Vichy Government insists that it will not be used as a German base. If it were used as a base for U-boats, surface vessels and aircraft, it would constitute a serious menace to British sea communications with and round the Cape.

The action of British ships in replying to the fire from Dakar was, however, in no sense an attempt to capture the port. The incident is regrettable but it does not materially alter the situation, which remains unsatisfactory but not necessarily menacing.



There are in Britain now many representatives from all over her Empire, all of whom are anxious to do their utmost to hasten the ultimate victory. Amongst these, the New Zealanders are by no means in the minority and a contingent of them are at present in training in the Aldershot Command. Photo shows a row of smiling faces at the tent door, an accurate indication of the spirit of these men who are now prepared to fight for the Empire they have helped to build. (Copyright, Fox.)

The Way Of A Bomb

Setting out a reasoned code of behaviour for the guidance of the civilian population in an air raid and breathing the spirit of confidence in the Empire's ability to win the war, a four-page pamphlet entitled "You Can Be Safe in an Air Raid" tells the reader what to expect and what to do in the variety of situations he might be in when an air raid takes place.

The pamphlet opens with a short description of an air raid and the ways of a bomb, and describes in detail what the public should do when either in a building or in the open during a raid. Stress is laid on the necessity for rehearsing the elementary procedure given in the pamphlet.

When a bomb is released from an aeroplane, it does not drop vertically, but follows a curved path before striking the object or earth, states the pamphlet.

For example, a plane travelling at 300 miles per hour at a height of 25,000 feet above the ground would, in order to ensure reaching a particular objective, have to release its bombs 42 seconds or 17,200 feet before it reaches its objective; that is, if a bomb is not already making for you, which you will easily be able to recognise, as bombs fall with a terrible screech, you will be safe from bombs when an enemy aeroplane is directly overhead.

When a high explosive bomb falls, it penetrates to a depth depending upon the nature of the substance struck and on the nature of the bomb itself. Then it explodes, breaking into thousands of fragments or splinters, the bulk of which fly out laterally and slightly upwards, i.e., the main danger does not come from overhead, but from the sides. This is a most important thing to remember. At the same time an explosive force or blast is created in the surrounding air. This consists of a pressure which exerts a maximum force away from the bomb, pushing and cracking the walls, windows, doors, etc.

As the pressure lasts for only 1/500th part of a second, its main effects consist in cracking those objects with which it comes in contact. The pressure wave is followed by a partial vacuum which lasts for a considerably

longer time. This vacuum pulls down the already shattered walls, windows, doors, etc., outward into the street below, whereupon the building, if it is of the weight bearing or frameless type, collapses upon itself as the walls no longer support the floor joists.

If the building is of the framed type, i.e., one consisting of a concrete or steel framework with reinforced concrete floors filled in with not too substantial panels of brickwork which will give without transmitting severe blast pressure to the framework, the blast attacks the walls, windows, doors etc., just the same, but as the walls are not supporting the building the columns and floor remain intact even if the walls are blown out by the blast. Hence the preference for framed structure buildings when taking refuge in a building or shelter during an air raid.

Since the effect of high explosive is lateral and slightly upwards, side protection is the most important and for this purpose at least 13½ inches of brickwork or its equivalent is necessary to protect you from splinters and blast from a 500-lb. bomb bursting 50 feet away; the thicker the better.

While it is not economical to build a structure to give protection from a direct hit, it is necessary to build overhead protection to give protection from splinters and the detritus of battle.

The splinters from a 500-lb. bomb bursting 50 feet away require 6 inches of concrete or 13½ inches of brickwork or 1½ inches of steel plate to stop them. Therefore it is safer in a building, especially a well constructed one, than in the open, for the main walls of the average building will stop the splinters.

The danger from a direct hit is small, but the chance that a bomb will explode near you, is many times greater, and since the effect of high explosive is lateral and slightly upwards, the greatest danger is at ground level where there is the danger from blast, splinters and the debris from falling buildings; whilst the least danger is underground in a properly constructed refuge room, objects with which it comes in contact. The pressure wave is followed by a partial vacuum upon it and the underground which lasts for a considerably

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By BUD FISHER



A PAGE FOR WOMEN On Giving Parties

Happily the informal party is superseding the elaborate affair of our grandparents' time.

Which is as it should be, seeing that social customs are imposed or relaxed to fit the needs of the age in which we live. And rapid movement is certainly the hallmark of life to-day. Which means that we have neither time nor inclination for too much formality.

Modes of dress must naturally conform to these social changes. So don't wear an elaborate evening dress except on very special occasions. Choose a simple gown for dinner or afternoon parties. If the invitation specially indicates "Not evening dress," wear a smart afternoon frock or plain semi-evening dress with sleeves.

Men can wear dinner jackets, black waistcoat and tie at informal parties. And this question of tie seems to bother a lot of them. Is it to be "black or white?" The best guide is to stick to the dinner jacket and black tie, unless the invitation says "Evening dress," when the more formal tail-coat requires the white waistcoat and tie.

Garden parties are preferred to house parties.

At these informal gatherings tennis is usually provided, and those guests who play the game will attend dressed ready for the occasion. Naturally they will come equipped with rackets and balls.

Non-players wear their smartest frocks and shady hats, and the men lounge suits or flannels.

Indoors Or Out

The hostess with weather sense will make preparations to serve tea either indoors or in the garden. If the day should turn cool or showery, small tables can be placed in a large room facing the garden (which has first been cleared of all unnecessary furniture). Ices should be served to the tennis players during breaks in the game. Fruit cups and iced drinks are also welcomed. Fruit salad and ice-cream are other well appreciated extras.

On arrival guests should be shown direct to the garden. There they should be received by host and hostess.

Invitations to garden parties should be so worded that they include any visitors staying with friends. If children are included in the invitation, remember to provide special games for them. A swing, rounders or clock-golf will keep them busy and out of the way of the grown-ups. At refreshment time they must have tables to themselves and special treats that appeal to them.

Large garden parties call for even less formality in the way of invitations. Even slight acquaintances may be invited. Other forms of entertainment besides tennis should be devised. A band or small orchestra will be welcomed and dancing encouraged. Refreshments can be served in a marquee erected at the end of the garden (which must naturally be a large one for such parties).

Arrangements for this type of party are best carried out by a reliable catering firm.

Guests who prefer tennis to dancing will come in tennis clothes. Dancers, and those who just prefer to look on, wear light-coloured afternoon frocks, and the younger members of the party light dresses.

Care Of Details

Take care of details like placing ash-trays at convenient spots where groups of people collect for a smoke and chat. Provide

matches or lighters, too. See that the bathrooms are in good order and that there is plenty of cold water on tap, and invite the guests to a wash and brush up immediately they arrive if you live at an out-station.

A word about invitations for all occasions. A fortnight's notice is usually given for the more formal parties—dinner, "At Homes," dances. Give a week's notice for

luncheon parties, informal tea parties. Ten days should be allowed for cocktail parties, and a fortnight at least for bridge or other card parties. The longer the notice you give in this latter case, the less likely you are to have "odd" numbers when you have to man your tables for the game. And you know how awkward it is to provide partners at the last moment.

Simple Diet For Health

Our modern conception of beauty is more than fifty per cent. good health. The languishing lily type no longer evokes any admiration. If good health is present, many of the things that make for beauty are added unto you. For instance, bright eyes with clear blue white; clear skin with that lovely underlying glow; glossy hair, and strong growing finger nails, firm healthy gums.

Where shall we begin on this catalogue of health blessings. I think with the teeth, for so much depends upon them. The inside of the mouth is moist and dark, and so unless you are careful, provides a happy hunting ground for germs. Nature does a lot in washing away germs with the quart of saliva which a normal person manufactures every day, but it is up to the individual to keep teeth scrupulously clean.

If you cannot manage to brush them three times a day, which is the ideal, at least do it night and morning at the same time using some dental floss to keep the spaces between the teeth free from any food debris. This is as important as the tooth brush, and will considerably decrease the amount of tartar that accumulates.

A six-monthly visit to the dentist saves a lot of trouble and possible pain. Eat plenty of the foods containing the minerals and vitamins required for strong, healthy teeth, and at the same time benefit your nails and your hair.

It is a simple list and includes dairy produce, vegetables, eggs and fresh fruit.

Before we leave the mouth, may I touch on a subject that is usually approached with some diffidence; bad breath. That is something that should never happen so see that it doesn't happen to you. If it does, you need not necessarily conclude that your liver is out of sorts. Teeth, tonsils, catarrh, are just as likely to be responsible as your other internal arrangements. It sometimes can be traced to excessive smoking, though maybe the present price of cigarettes will prevent you from erring in that respect.

If you should find your tummy is responsible, take to a lighter diet for a while. Lighten the proteins; removing meat and other heavy dishes for a week or so and rely on a diet of fruit, vegetables and milk.

If you suffer from constipation, supplement whatever aperient you take by a suitable diet.

Fresh fruit, dried fruit, well-cooked green vegetables, salad, wholemeal bread and country rice should form a large part of the diet, with a limited amount of fat. Water should be taken freely between meals.

Here is a sample day's menu:

On rising: Glass of hot or cold water.

Breakfast: Grapefruit, orange or fresh fruit in season, or stewed fruit. Cereal with milk. Wholemeal bread with butter, honey or marmalade. Coffee with milk or cream.

11 a.m.: Fruit juice.

Lunch: Tomato and green salad with dressing, or egg or fish mayonnaise. Fresh or cooked fruit with cream. Wholemeal bread with butter.

4 p.m.: Cup of tea with wholemeal bread and butter, or digestive biscuits.

Dinner: Vegetable soup. Lean meat. Potato and two green vegetables, or a salad. Junket, fruit jelly, or fresh fruit in season, or dried fruit.

Bedtime: Glass of hot water.

If it is more convenient to have a midday dinner, serve the lunch menu for supper.

Of course a sluggish liver and perfect health and beauty never did go together, nor yet a perfect temper, for there is none so snappy as your bilious subject.

Here again sensible diet can do a great deal to improve the condition. All foods which are indigestible must be avoided as well as those which are "liverish." Meat, eggs and fat should be severely limited, and easily digested foods and fruit juice increased.

Grapefruit and cereal, with wholemeal bread and butter, honey or jaggery are good for breakfast. Tea should be weak. Tomato juice is generally well tolerated.

Steamed fish should be chosen for lunch, with lean ham as a change. Mashed potato and sieved vegetables should be served. As a second course milk pudding, junket or a puree of stewed fruit.

The last meal should be something simple such as vegetable soup, macaroni and tomatoes, or a vegetable with white sauce. Baked apples, or sieved stewed pears or peaches are also permissible.

No Stockings

Going stockingless is an excellent wartime economy. But the problem for many women is: How to keep one's belt or corset from riding up.

Make a pair of big garters out of elastic at least 1½ inches wide—if narrower it will be uncomfortable. Make the garter wide enough—it should come just where the tops of the stockings usually stop—and it will stay put without being tight.

Finally, sew on each garter a tab of doubled tape on which to attach your suspenders.

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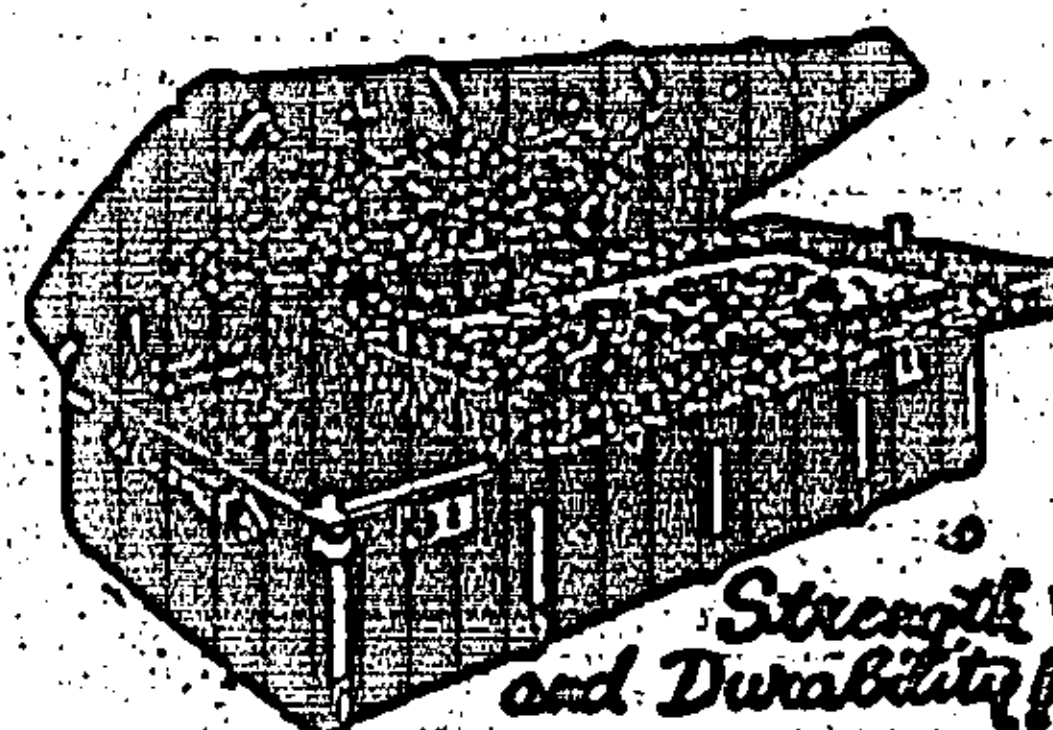
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Time And Tide

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Luckily there is still a shot or two of gin in the cabin locker, and a tall bottle of Rose's Lime Juice in a cunningly constructed

rack. The Twins are quite firm about this gin and lime. They know it helps to keep those slender graceful figure lines which appeal to yachtsmen like some shapely beauty from the yard of a master-builder. The yachting world bestows no higher praise. And never by any chance can there be the tiniest trace of a headache after Rose's, an important point for young ladies as popular as these unpunctual Twins.

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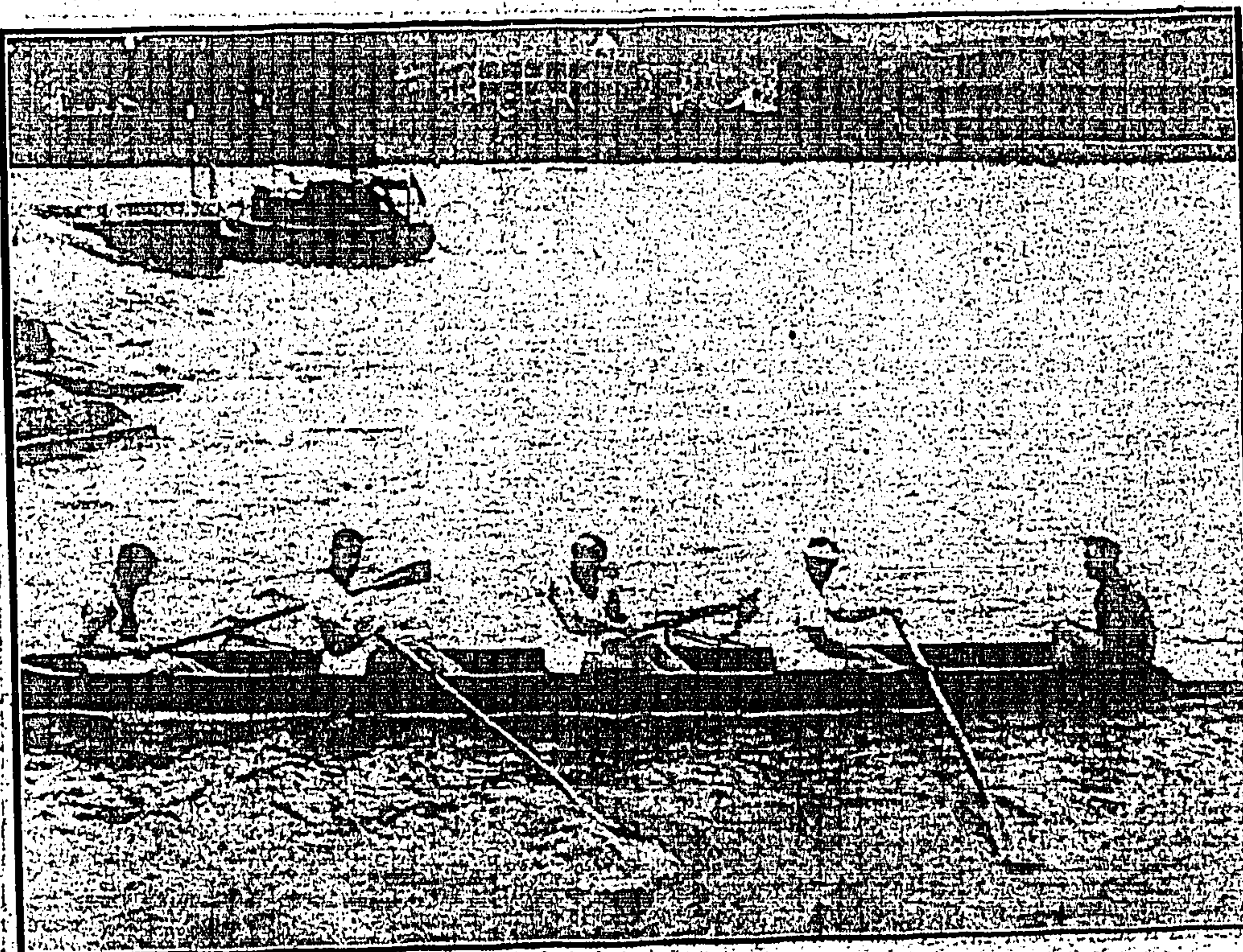


An incident in the needle match between South China and Sing Tao last Sunday. Cheung Wing-choi is saving from Lee Wai-tong while Li Ting-sang attempted vainly to intervene.

(Left)—The new Governor of Macao, Commander G. M. Teixeira, photographed on board the sloop "Goncalvo-Velho" with Captain J. J. da Silva e Costa. Winsomely peeping from behind His Excellency is his younger daughter. (King's Studio).



The girl guides of Holy Spirit School taking part in the open air procession at the Roman Catholic Cathedral on Sunday.



One of the scratch fours which took part in impromptu races last Saturday on the occasion of the formal opening of the new clubhouse of the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club on Kellett Island. Picture shows crew "D" composed of G. L. Eastgate, B. de Haan, K. B. Nelson and E. Van Rijnberk. They were second, beaten by C. H. McCormick's crew.

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GREEK NAVY SHELLS ITALIAN ADVANCE UNITS

Greatest Depth Of Advance Six Miles

THE GREATEST DEPTH OF THE ITALIAN ADVANCE AT ANY POINT IS ONLY SIX MILES, ACCORDING TO AUTHORITATIVE SOURCES IN ATHENS YESTERDAY. IT WAS STATED THAT THE ITALIAN ARTILLERY ARE POUNDING THE GREEK ADVANCED POSTS BUT NOWHERE HAS CONTACT BEEN MADE WITH THE MAIN LINES OF GREEK DEFENCE.

The Italians are using a large number of mobile field guns in which they are greatly superior to the Greeks.

The mountainous nature of the country on the Greek-Albanian frontier dictates only three practical lines of advance for the Italian forces.

In the north-east, the gap in the high ridges which affords an approach to Florina, on the road to Salonika, is exceptionally well guarded by the Greeks.

The Italians had concentrated heavily at Kioleca, in Albania, for the drive against Florina, but hitherto they have failed to make any significant progress.

Another gap is found in the centre of the front. This leads only into difficult country where few if any strategic advantages are to be won by an attacking force.

Near the coast is a third line between the mountains and the sea.

Brilliant Feats

Stories of brilliant feats of arms by Greek soldiers are beginning to reach Athens.

An entire division of Italian Alpine troops is reported to have been held up for many hours in the mountains by only three Greek companies.

Elsewhere, a Greek platoon, making clever use of the ground, routed two Italian companies. — Reuter.

Naval Bombardment

GREEK WARSHIPS JOINED IN BATTLE AGAINST ITALIAN LAND TROOPS WHEN THEY SHELLED ITALIAN ADVANCED POSITIONS ON THE GRECO-ALBANIAN BORDER EARLY YESTERDAY.

THE BOMBARDMENT, WHICH BEGAN AT 7 A.M. AND LASTED AN HOUR, WAS WATCHED BY A LARGE CROWD GATHERED ON CORFU.

THERE WAS NO SIGN OF ITALIAN WARSHIPS OR PLANES WHILE THE SHELLING PROCEEDED AND THERE IS NO NEWS OF ANY ANGLO-ITALIAN NAVAL BATTLE. — REUTER.

200 Bombs On Patras

The Greek port of Patras, where more than 100 were killed on Monday, has again been heavily attacked from the air.

A communiqué issued by the Ministry of Public Safety in Athens states that in two raids on Wednesday damage was caused by eight planes to a number of houses but only one person was injured.

It is reported that the 110 bodies hitherto recovered after Monday's bombing include those of a priest, a police official, 30 women and 46 children. More than 200 bombs are said to have been dropped on Patras, destroying a large number of buildings, none of which could be described as a military objective. — Reuter.

Coastal Attack

The strongest point of the Italian attack is coming from Konisspolis, on the coast opposite Corfu, but the Fascists do not appear as yet to have come into contact with the main Greek defence lines.

Further north, the Greeks are reported to have captured an Italian outpost, while there are other outpost clashes in the Florina area near the border and west of Salonika.

A dusk-to-dawn curfew has been imposed on all foreigners in Athens, and they may no longer travel between towns without a permit. — Reuter.

Italian Excuses

Italian apologists are finding an excuse for the slowness of their advance on the Greek frontier.

Italian correspondents there are stressing the exceptionally bad weather in Albania, said the Stefani agency yesterday.

They say incessant rain has transformed the country into a swamp in which troops, horses and mechanised units are struggling to advance. — Reuter.

K.C.R. TRAIN DERAILED

The alertness of the engine crew of the through train from Kowloon to Lowu yesterday morning prevented a disaster in a derailment.

The accident occurred at the "fork" near Fanling Station. No one was injured.

The 11-carriage train left Kowloon for Lowu at 6.20 a.m.

At about 7 a.m. as it was passing over the "fork" just before Fanling Station, the five rear carriages suddenly switched off towards the side track and left the rails, giving the passengers, mostly first and second class, a severe shaking.

Owing to the alertness of the engine crew the train was brought to a halt and, fortunately, none of the carriages overturned.

Traffic was held up but before nightfall it was resumed, the line having been cleared.

GREEK PEOPLE RALLY ROUND

OFFERS OF AID FROM WEALTHY GREEKS ARE POURING INTO GOVERNMENT OFFICES IN ATHENS; ONE WOMAN SHIP-OWNER HAS WRITTEN TO GENERAL METAXAS, THE PREMIER, PLACING THREE VESSELS AT THE DISPOSAL OF THE NATION.

A Greek family living in London has cabled £5,000 as a contribution to the air force, and many public and private bodies in Greece have remitted large sums for the same purpose. — Reuter.

BRITAIN'S POWER

"Germany cannot win the war unless she lands in this island and makes us hold up our hands.

"No terror, no murdering of civilians, or destruction of churches and hospitals, will ever drive our people to surrender," said Lord Croft, Under-Secretary for War, addressing Canadian soldiers yesterday.

"But we want more than that. If the Germans do not come, we will go to them. In which field, no man can yet say, but somewhere east, west or north there is a flank to turn or a front to be pierced and since the armies of the Empire are of the same stuff as our seamen and airmen, when the opportunity arises it will be the same triumph of mind over mass, the same vindication of freedom over slaves." — British Wireless.

THE WEATHER IN OCTOBER

During the earlier part of the month the weather was warm, and rather less sunny than is usual at this time of year; there were occasional slight falls of rain. A sudden onset of the N. E. monsoon on the afternoon of the 24th resulted in a fall of temperature of 30 deg. F. in 24 hours, and the minimum temperature on the following day was the lowest ever recorded in October. The onset of this cold air was accompanied by overcast weather and occasional light rain. The temperature soon rose again, and the last few days of the month were fair and warm. No typhoons affected the Colony during the month.

The mean temperature for October was 77.9 deg. F., which is 1.7 deg. above normal. A maximum of 88.5 deg. was recorded on the 1st, and a minimum of 57.3 deg. on the 25th; the latter is a record for October. The mean relative humidity was 75% against a normal of 72%.

Sunshine amounted to 186 hours, which is 31 hours less than normal. The total rainfall was 1.29 inches, which is less than one third of the normal. The maximum wind velocity in a gust was 34 m.p.h. at 4.15 a.m. on the 17th.

SPANIARDS HONOURED

The King has awarded Silver Medals for gallantry and humanity to Jose Otero Carrasco and Juan Mascato Padin, members of the crew of the Spanish fishing vessel Mecco who showed the greatest disregard for personal safety in rescuing survivors from the oil tanker Telena after it had been attacked and set on fire by an enemy submarine near the Spanish coast last May. — British Wireless.

SOVIET DENIES SUPPLY OF 'PLANES TO GREECE

A report that over 100 warplanes have been supplied by the Soviet to Greece in the last few days is emphatically denied by the official Soviet agency, according to Moscow radio yesterday. — Reuter.

ITALIAN BOMBING ATTACKS

Lepanto, in the Gulf of Corinth, Agrinion and Egina, were bombed by Italian aircraft.

The raid on the latter place led to an afternoon alarm in Athens.

Minor damage was done in all three places.

A 9 o'clock curfew for all

R.A.F. IN ACTION IN GREEK ZONE

Reconnaissance flights over Greek and Italian coastal waters were made by the R.A.F. on Wednesday and during one flight an Italian plane was encountered and shot down in flames.

A communiqué announcing this records attacks by the R.A.F. and the South African Air Force in the Middle East on six Italian bases and camps in Libya and East Africa.

A stores dump was destroyed, a military building damaged or set on fire and warehouses heavily bombed at Bardia and Tobruk (Libya), Teccezan, Keren, Lugh and Ferandi (Italian Somaliland) and Massawa.

Our aircraft returned safely from all these operations, the communiqué concludes. — Reuter.

foreigners has been imposed in Athens and this is believed to be connected with a police comb-out.

It is hoped that British subjects, as allies, will receive permits permitting freedom of movement shortly. — Reuter.

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(Sgd.) J. RING,

Assessor.

31st October, 1940.

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No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements				Contents in sq. ft.	Annual Rent.	Upset Price
			N.	S.	E.	W.			
1	New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 2832.	Castle Peak Road between Wing Lung St. and Tonkin St., Cheung Sha Wan.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	As per sale plan	About 23,100	\$318
									\$17,325



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			N.	S.	E.	W.			
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BRIDGE NOTES

SUIT PREFERENCE SIGNAL
By The Four Aces

"We have heard vaguely," writes Mrs. N. A. C., of St. Louis, Missouri, "of a signal to cover cases like this, but we've never understood it properly. Anyway, here's what happened;

South, Dealer

Neither side vulnerable

♠ A 10 3 2
♥ K 7 5
♦ K J 10 4
♣ Q 6

♠ 8 6 4
♥ 2
♦ Q 9 8 3 2
♣ J 10 9 7

♠ K J 9 7 5
♥ Q J 9
♦ 7 5
♣ A K 5

The bidding:

South West North East
1♠ Pass 3♠ Pass
4♠ Pass 5♠ Pass

"West opened the deuce of hearts, and East took the Ace and returned another one for West to ruff. West then had to guess how to give East the lead once again, and chose the Jack of clubs.

"That gave South the lead, and he drew trumps as fast as he could. Later on, he guessed the diamond finesse and made his contract.

"Now what we want to know is this: How could West have known which suit would give her partner the lead?"

There is a special signal for cases like this. East should return the ten of hearts.

Now, West knows that her partner has hearts lower than the ten—why was the ten chosen? To indicate that the entry is in the high rather than the low suit.

For, in such situations, a trump lead is out of the question, and only two suits need be considered. Returning a low card indicates a side entry in the low-ranking suit; returning a high card shows an entry in the high-ranking suit.

Yesterday you were Howard Schenken's partner and, non-vulnerable against vulnerable opponents, you held:

♠ K 6 3
♥ K Q 8 5
♦ K J 9 7 5
♣ 4

The bidding:

Schenken Jacoby You Maier
1♥ 1♠ 1♦ 1♣

ANSWER: Redouble. Your Kings are probably behind the doubler's Aces, and your excellent



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Question No. 553.

To-day you are Oswald Jacoby's partner and, non-vulnerable against vulnerable opponents, you hold:

♠ 7 4
♥ Q J 9 7 3
♦ 9 8 6 3 2
♣ 5

The bidding:

Jacoby Maier You Schenken
1♥ 1♠ 1♦ 1♣
1♥ 1♠ 1♦ 1♣
What do you bid? (Answer To-morrow.)



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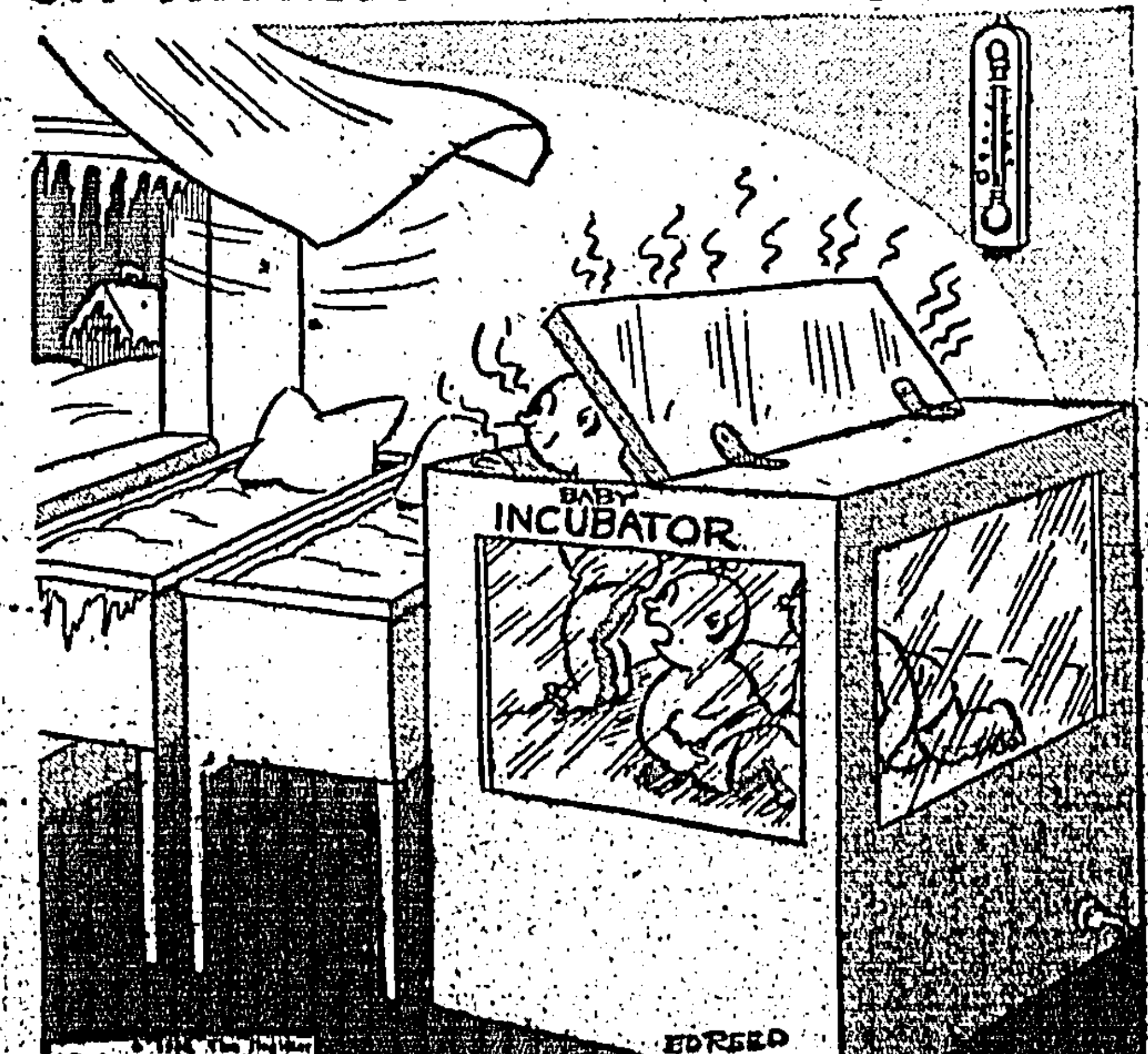
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Chinese aircraft flew over Shamchun and Namtau on Wednesday. Japanese A.A. batteries opened fire but none of the machines were hit. They remained over the border area for about half an hour and then disappeared.

TWO EXEMPTED

Two of the United States Navy Reservists in Hong Kong who had been recalled for active service have now been exempted on grounds of ill-health, the "China Mail" learned this afternoon.

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10 H.K. Banks	@ \$1215.
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FIRMER TREND ON
STOCK MARKET

Business on the London Stock Exchange yesterday was small and mainly confined to investment issues. Nevertheless the trend generally was firmer. Gilt-edged and some railways appreciated. Kaffirs improved on local support. Oils were better after early hesitancy. Movements of industrials were few but generally in holders' favour. Wall Street was firm. — Reuter.

WEATHER REPORT

The Royal Observatory reports that pressure has decreased slightly to moderate throughout the area; it remains highest over the Pacific to the east of Japan, and is relatively low over the Mariana Islands.

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CRICKET TEAMS

Following are some cricket teams for to-morrow's matches:

C.S.C.C. 1st XI v H.K.C.C. (away):—J. E. Richardson, W. Colledge, A. E. Perry, D. MacLellan, S. Booker, T. V. Fortescue, J. Attwell, R. H. Griffiths, D. Hollidge, L. Whitley and N. L. Smith.

C.S.C.C. 2nd XI v P.R.C. (home):—H. E. Strange, A. F. Sheppard, F. E. Lawrence, G. Ainslie, C. Stone, D. Davidson, A. Watson, J. Barrow, J. F. McGowan, J. Mitchell and R. G. Robertson.

I.R.C. 2nd XI v K.C.C. (away):—A. H. Ismail, M. I. Razaek, A. el Arculli, O. el Arculli, A. M. J. Rumjahn, J. M. A. Rumjahn, S. A. Curreen, A. Rahmin, T. Ahmed, B. el Arculli and A. N. Other.

P.R.C. v C.S.C.C. (away):—A. E. Carey, C. Pope, W. L. Clarke, A. Kirby, J. Shepherd, H. Danbrowsky, A. Estall, J. Alken, J. Lewis, E. G. Post and A. Billingham.

Reserves:—H. Tyler, K. M. McLeod and W. Fyffe.

K.C.C. 1st XI v I.R.C. (at Sookun-poo):—E. C. Fincher (Capt.), N. D. Lloyd, D. J. N. Anderson, W. Rapley, A. Zimmer, E. F. Fincher, F. R. Zimmer, R. T. Broadbridge, D. Hung, T. A. Madar and L. R. Burch.

K.C.C. 2nd XI v I.R.C. (at home):—S. A. Gray (Capt.), R. Baldwin, G. A. Goodban, E. Curtis, H. Brokenshire, K. M. Baxter, Major Parsons, R. J. Fenton, J. R. Luke, F. Crabb and J. W. Bertram.

CRICKET AT C.S.C.C.

A cricket match has been arranged between the Rest of the Civil Service Cricket Club and Bowlers of the Club, to be played on Sunday, commencing at 2.30 p.m.

Following are the teams:—Lawn Bowlers:—H. E. Strange, H. F. Harper, A. Sheppard, V. Ebbage, J. Gellatly, W. Hillyer, M. E. Purvis, T. Seddon, C. Strange, C. J. Walker and P. D. Crawley.

The Rest:—F. E. Lawrence, J. A. Bendall, N. J. Skinner, L. D. Skinner, R. Lawrence, F. Haynes, I. Agafuroff, B. Agafuroff, H. P. Cunningham, V. J. Millington and J. T. Tracey.

Police Recreation Club will meet Royal Air Force in a friendly cricket match on Sunday, at Happy Valley, commencing at 2 p.m.

GOLF
STARTING
TIMES

Following are the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club starting times for Fanning on Sunday:

OLD COURSE

9.16 a.m.	C. W. E. Bishop, F. A. Redmond.
9.20	K. S. Morrison, I. H. Geare.
9.24	A. Sommerfelt, T. E. Pearce.
9.28	J. Harrop, G. Thomerson.
9.32	A. Pollock, A. Nicol.
9.36	R. P. Morris, H. A. Mills.
9.40	Capt. Roberts, L. D. McNicol.
9.44	W. Hewitt, S. L. Lloyd.
9.48	J. A. D. Morrison, I. H. C. Highet.
9.52	T. J. J. Fenwick, F. G. Walker.
9.56	R. H. Gregory, A. D. Humphreys.
10.00	Comdr. Holc, J. Linaker.
10.04	A. J. Dennis, D. Humphreys.
10.08	R. K. Collings, S. Tomlinson.
10.12	Capt. Thursby, F. A. M. Elliott.
10.16	R. Young, G. C. Worrall.
10.20	General Sutton, F. D. Hunter.
10.24	E. T. McMullen, J. L. C. Pearce.
10.28	A. H. McBride, D. S. Edwards.
10.32	H. H. Mundy, W. A. Stewart.
10.36	P. E. Annis, J. W. Clague.
10.40	A. T. Dow, E. L. Groom.
10.44	W. N. A. Smalley, W. S. Hillier.
10.48	A. C. Meredith, E. P. Streetfield.
10.52	A. N. and Q. A. A. Macfadyen.
10.56	S. A. Sleep, D. Black.
11.00	A. McKellar, T. McGarry.
11.04	K. S. Robertson, W. W. C. Shewan.
11.08	R. H. Griffiths, J. Hackney.
11.12	W. R. Mansfield, A. V. Greaves.
11.16	F. Buckle, W. F. Kerr.
11.20	E. G. Price, T. Low.
11.24	D. C. Lonsdale, Capt. Drew Wilkinson.
11.28	G. T. Harrington, Major Temple.

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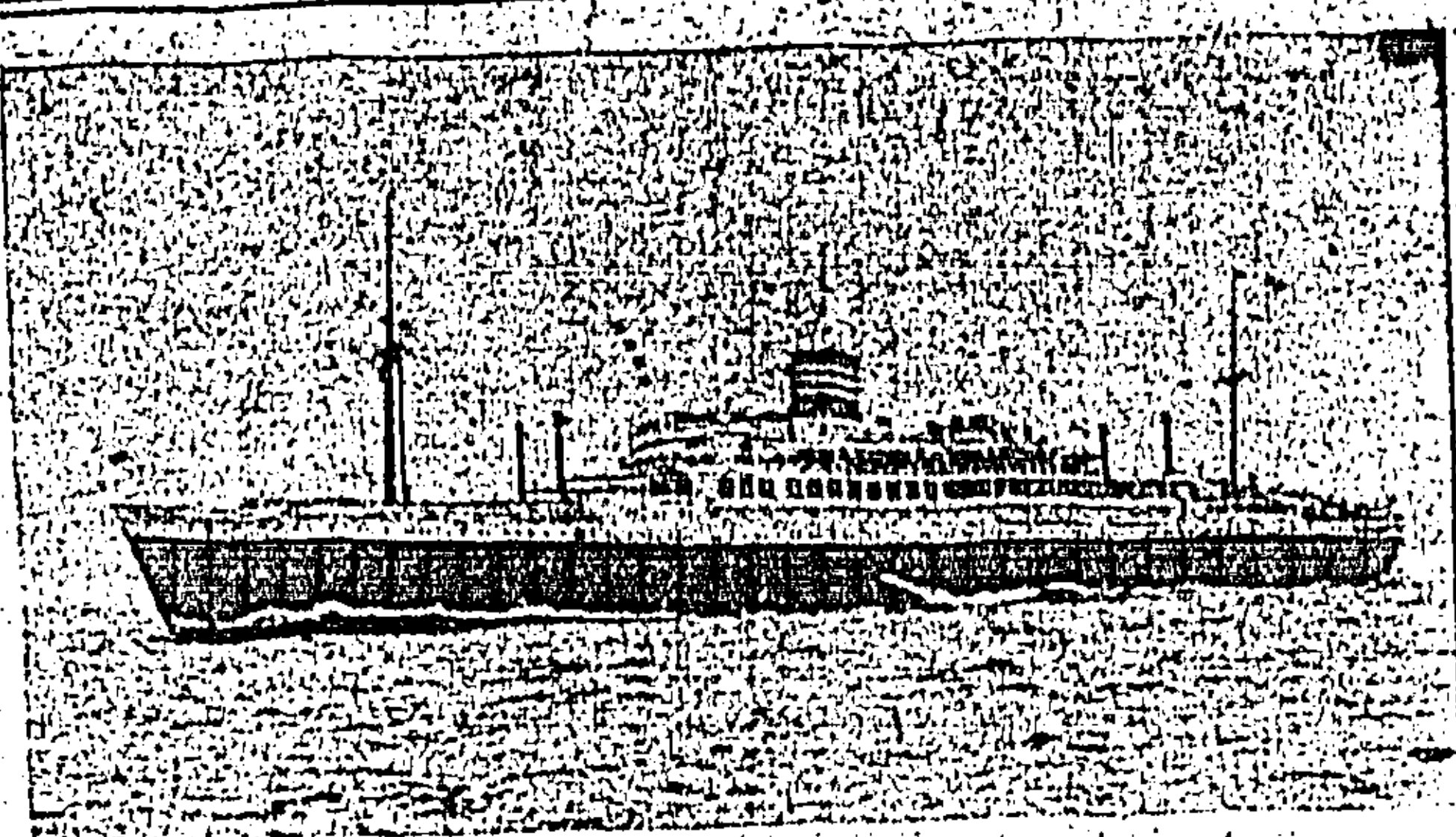
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12.15 p.m.—Short Service of Intercession.
12.30 p.m.—Dance Music by Jack Harris and His Orchestra.
1.03 p.m.—Luigini—Ballet Egyptian.
1.15 p.m.—Songs by Richard Tauber (Tenor) and Evelyn Laye (Soprano).
1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.
1.45 p.m.—Arthur Askey and Billy Mayerl in Variety.
2.15 p.m.—Close down.
6.00 p.m.—Billy Cotton and His Band.
6.32 p.m.—Variety.
7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
7.15 p.m.—London Relay—Topical Talks.
7.30 p.m.—Marek Weber and His Orchestra.
8.03 p.m.—Studio—Recital by Gaston D'Aquin (Tenor) with E. O'Neill Shaw at the Piano.
1. (a) Cielo e mar ("La Gioconda"—Ponchielli); (b) Serenata ("Pagliacci"—Leoncavallo) ... Gaston D'Aquin with Piano accomp.
2. (a) La maison grise ("Fortunio"—Messager); (b) Canguia, canguia (Fasolo) ... Gaston D'Aquin with Piano accomp.
3. Piano solo—Selected ... E. O'Neill Shaw.
4. (a) Napullitanata (Mario Costa); (b) Mamma mia, che va sapo (Nuttie) ... Gaston D'Aquin with Piano accomp.
8.30 p.m.—Bixiel—Symphony No. 1 in C Major.
1st Mov. Allegro vivo; 2nd Mov. Adagio; 3rd Mov. Allegro vivace; 4th Mov. Allegro vivace ... London Philharmonic Orchestra.
9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News & News Commentaries.
9.30 p.m.—London Relay—Talk: "Docks and People".
9.45 p.m.—D.B.C. Recording—"Flying High" Part I. Written and arranged by Alan Russell and Charles Brower.
10.15 p.m.—A Variety and Dance Programme.



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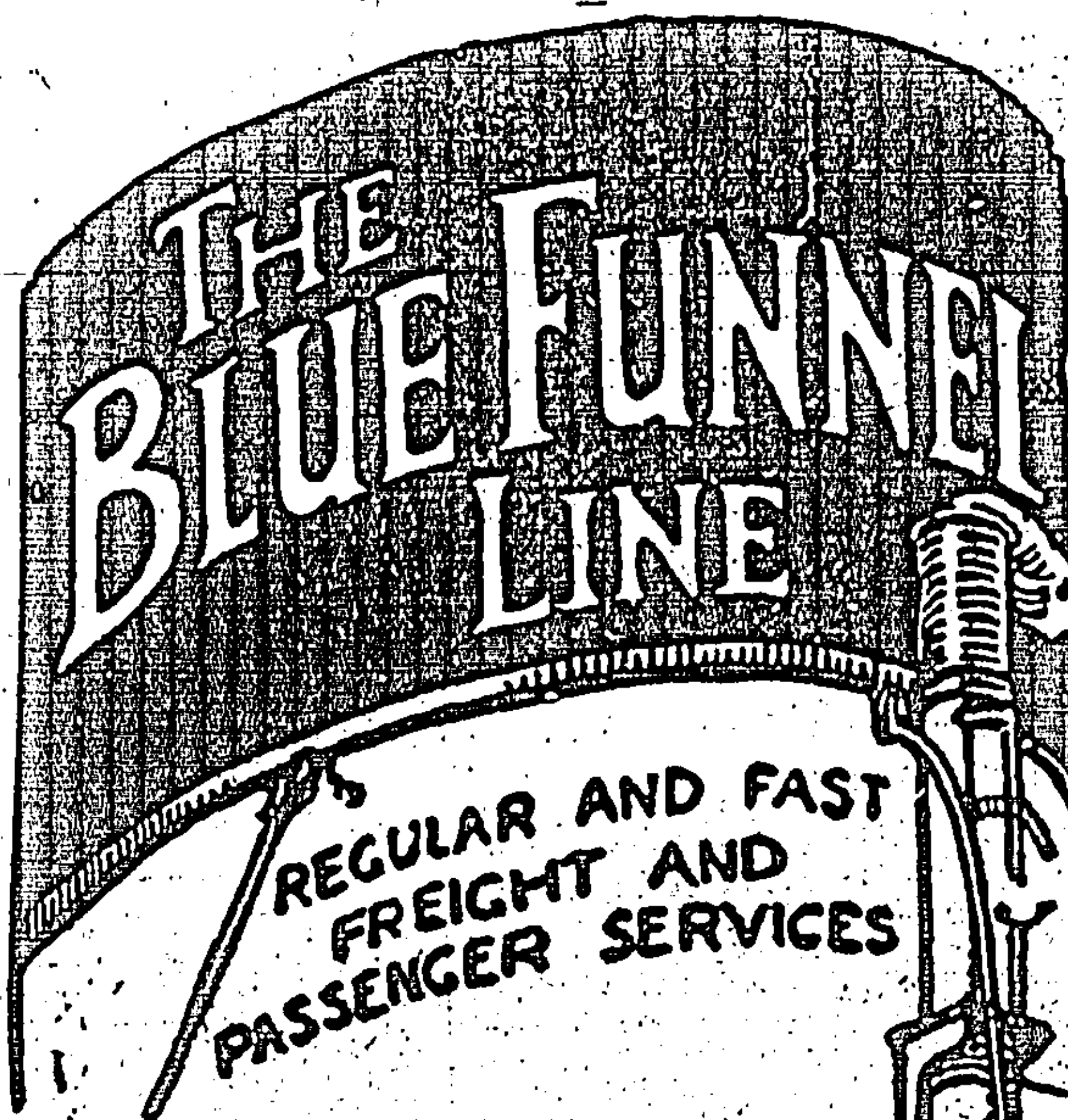
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THERE IS EVERY reason to anticipate that glorious conditions for racing will prevail to-morrow when Hong Kong Jockey Club stage their Tenth Extra Race Meeting, the first saddling bell for which will be rung at 1.30 p.m. There are altogether eight events on the programme, the most interesting of which is the Fremantle St. Leger for Australian Subscription ponies of this season over 1 3/4 miles.

Race No. 1. NORFOLK HANDICAP (FIRST SECTION): ONE MILE

The day's programme opens with a race over the mile for first section "C" Class China ponies to be ridden by Novice Jockeys. Just in Time will be taken out by Master Li, who will be riding his father's pony for the first time in racing, but as it has been given top-weight of 168 lb. I am going to rule it out of my reckoning. Eve of Dancing which was fourth in the Kwangtung Handicap ridden by Mr. Chattey over the two mile post distance at the last meeting, if taken out by Mr. Wood, is my choice for this race. There is Blue Gate however to be reckoned with, as it ran third in the above race with Mr. Chang up and, as it will probably be Mr. K. W. Fung's mount to-morrow, it should be very near at the finish.

Musketeer (Mr. Yeung Wing-kwai) is a speedy animal and if given a runaway start it will be hard to overhaul. Rose Evelyn (Mr. Coppin) should not be disregarded as the two combine very well. Strathbannock (Mr. Chattey) is very lightly treated and may spring a surprise to pay out another big dividend. Advancing Time will be ridden by its old friend Mr. Ho Hong-ping, and as they have done well together hitherto it will probably be placed. I make the first three Eve of Dancing, Blue Gate, Musketeer.

Race No. 2. SUSSEX HANDICAP (FIRST SECTION): SIX FURLONGS.

This race is confined to first section "B" Class China ponies. After winning the Wyndham Handicap (1-1/4 miles) at the last meeting Avon (Mr. Black) has been penalised 11 lb. This may seem a heavy impost; but the pony is now in fine form, and it will be a surprise if it should fail to account for this event to-morrow. The only danger will come from Conquering Time (Mr. Wei), which was third in the Austin Handicap (First Section) over the mile at the Eighth Extra Meeting, and as it has only been penalised 3 lb., coupled with the shorter distance, it should give Avon a good fight for first position if it does not actually win.

Hopeful Star (Mr. Hearne) was third in the Tweed Island Bay Handicap, but failed to gain a place in the above race with Conquering Time. However, it should do better over this sprint event to-morrow. Humdrum Eve (Mr. Pih) ran unplaced the last time out, but will also probably do better over this distance.

Mr. Poy has the choice on either Ronson or Rose Emily, and he will probably take out Ronson, which is better over this distance. Lillibet will be taken out by Mr. Chao, and as this pony has been improving since its last outing, it should be borne in mind.

The first place will probably be fought out between Avon and Conquering Time, with Hopeful Star third.

Race No. 3. FREMANTLE ST. LEGER: 1 3/4 MILES.

Regarded as one of the most important events of the local racing season, with a handsome prize of \$1,000.00 at stake, this race should result in a gruelling contest between the following ponies:— Far View (Mr. Pih), Sapper (Mr. Black), Australian Diamond (Mr. Wei),

Amicus Curiae (Mr. Chao). Far View had the better of Sapper in the Diamond Bay Handicap over the mile at the Eighth Extra Meeting, and in view of its superiority over Sapper in the Rooter-Hill Derby over 1-1/2 miles it will command strong support in the betting. Good as Far View is, however, I am of the opinion that it will not be good enough to win to-morrow over the longer distance. Sapper, although defeated by the above pony, will probably turn the tables on Far View as the distance is more suitable to this pony.

Australian Diamond won the Australian ponies Autumn Plate (1-1/4 miles) at the Seventh Extra Meeting, but was not opposed by the above two ponies. It won easily in 2.12 carrying 154 lb., and as it will be carrying 4 lb. less to-morrow an upset in this direction is possible. Then there is Amicus Curiae, winner of the Brisbane Spring Handicap over two miles with Mr. Tao up at the Third Extra Meeting. It should also be in the running if it can produce the same form.

However, taking everything into consideration, I nominate Sapper to win, with Far View second and Australian Diamond third.

Race No. 4. QUEENSLAND HANDICAP: TWO MILES.

This is another long distance race and is confined to "C" Class Australian ponies. After its surprise win in the Ballarat Handicap over 1-1/4 miles, Cheerful Star (Mr. Tao) has been penalised 5 lb., but it will naturally command the most support, and I think over this longer distance, despite the extra weight, it should win again. Piccadilly Jim has changed hands since its last run behind Cheerful Star, and as it will be ridden by Mr. Chao to-morrow, with a pound less, it may give a better account of itself in its longer run and may even reverse its last defeat.

Centre Court (Mr. Sung), which was third last time out, has had its weight reduced 5 lb., and may do better in view of the longer distance. Warrego River (Mr. Black) since winning the Williamsown Handicap for "D" Class ponies has been promoted. It will be running with another 7 lb. penalty to-morrow. Although entered at the last meeting, it did not compete as its owners reserved it for this long distance race, and, judging from its last performance, I think it should give the above three ponies a good run for first position. Shuttlecock (Mr. Hearne) is in fine fettle at the moment, but I think the distance is a bit too long for its liking.

My nomination is Cheerful Star for the first position, with Warrego River second and Piccadilly Jim third.

Race No. 5. ESSEX HANDICAP: ONE MILE.

In this first leg of the "Daily Double," which will be contested by "A" Class China ponies, punters are presented with a distinctly difficult problem to solve.

Clember has not been raced since its last outing when it won the St. George's Plate over the Champions' distance carrying top weight of 163 lb. In view of its long absence, therefore, I think we should disregard

CONFUSION BAY THROWS ITS RIDER

(By "Rapier")

Entered for the Essex Handicap, to be run to-morrow, Confusion Bay this morning threw Mr. S. L. Sung, first string jockey of Mr. T. K. Li's stable in the absence of Mr. Needa, who is still up North.

The pony ran towards the 1-1/2 mile post and then returned to be caught by the Russian boy from the same stable.

Mr. Sung was not hurt, but the pony was later taken out by another Russian boy to complete its track work.

it as it has not done anything in its track work and will have 164 lb. to carry.

Mr. T. K. Li has three entries in Confusion Bay, Dupont Bay and O-Lan. I have been given to understand that Mr. Black will have his old favourite, Confusion Bay, as his mount in this race and Mr. Sung will take out Dupont Bay, winner of the Hong Kong Griffins Cup, and so give O-Lan a rest for the Griffins St. Leger. Confusion Bay, judging from its past performances, stands a good chance of winning. But should it fail, its stablemate Dupont Bay also has a chance in view of its last win over the 1-1/4 miles distance.

Craigavad proved a disappointment when it finished third in the October Handicap. It will be taken out by Mr. Pih, and I am inclined to believe that to-morrow, in view of the shorter distance, it should give Mr. Li's nominations a good fight for first position, if it does not actually win.

The shorter distance is also more to Distinctive Time's liking, and as it will be carrying only 142 lb. an upset here is not out of the question. Gay Star has only 140 lb. to handle to-morrow, and although it ran badly last time out, it may redeem itself in this race as it will be taken out by Mr. Hearne instead of Mr. Tao.

Johnber (Mr. Chao) was very unfortunate during the race at the last meeting, when its leather strap burst when coming down the straight and when the pony was in second position. It may do better to-morrow.

I nominate Confusion Bay to win with Craigavad second and Distinctive Time third.

Race No. 6. QUEENSClIFF HANDICAP: SIX FURLONGS

A perusal of the entries in this race, reserved for "D" Class Australian ponies, gives me the impression that if its stable connections should start it in this race instead of the Fremantle St. Leger, one need not look further than Catterick Bridge, if ridden by Mr. Hearne and despite the fact it will be carrying top-weight of 165 lb., to win. The pony to watch, however, is Heinz, which was third in the Port Phillip Handicap won by A Green Time. This pony will again be ridden by Mr. Black and should give Catterick Bridge a keen fight at the end.

There is also Tarzan (Mr. Hoo Pak-ming), which will have an allowance of 5 lb., to be considered, as this pony is quite capable of winning with its light impost. Colorado Star (Mr. Davis) also looks dangerous here, with 140 lb. to handle as this pony was third to Warrego River in the Williamsown Handicap over a mile.

Grand Allegiance (Mr. Pih) has

BOWLING ALLEY JOTTINGS

By "STRIKE"

THE first match in the First Round of the Evo Indoor Bowling League was played off last Saturday. The match was a three game match between Argonauts and Buglers, and resulted, as was expected, in a win for the Argonauts by 129 pins, individual scores being as follows:

ARGONAUTS	BUGLERS
A. Clegggett 481	H. B. Wilkins 473
G. Birkett 471	N. Neate 429
D. Hall 471	J. D. McLaren 408
S. A. Ismail 412	W. Wathen 398

All players bowled below their usual standard. The highest score of the match was registered by Clegggett for the Argonauts, who is practically a newcomer to match play, but who has amassed good scores on several occasions in ordinary games.



been given 135 lb. to carry, but as this pony is so unreliable in its outings I can hardly recommend it for a win. A ticket each way on this combination to-morrow may, however, turn out to be a good investment.

My nomination is Catterick Bridge to win, with Heinz second and Tarzan third.

Race No. 7. NORFOLK HANDICAP (SECOND SECTION): ONE MILE

The second leg of the "Daily Double" will be decided on the result of this race, in which second section "C" Class China ponies will participate, with Novice jockeys again figuring.

Galveston Bay (Mr. Yeung Wing-kwai) came in third to Victoria in the Yunnan Handicap (Second Section) over the two mile post distance, ridden by Mr. Needa, and although it ran unplaced the last time out it should win this race. But it will meet with strong opposition from Eve of Hunting (Mr. Wood), which won the Hunan Handicap over 1-1/4 miles with Mr. Craven up.

Mr. S. W. Lee has the choice on either Boolat Bay or Emergency Unit, and whichever one he decides to take out should be prominent at the finish. There is also Rose Flana (Mr. Sequeira) to be reckoned with as this pony was fourth to Galveston Bay in the Yunnan Handicap (Second Section) when carrying 168 lb., and with Mr. Poy up. For a long shot I recommend Soldier of Britain with Mr. Chiu Ki-fan up. This pony is good enough to cause an upset here. Galveston Bay is my choice for a win, with Eve of Hunting second and Rose Flana third.

Race No. 8. SUSSEX HANDICAP (SECOND SECTION): SIX FURLONGS

The final race of the day is confined to second section "B" Class China ponies.

Peaceful View (Mr. Pih) won the Austin Handicap (Second Section) at the Eighth Extra Meeting over the mile when carrying 142 lb., and for to-morrow its weight is 4 lb. more. I think it should win again as the distance is shorter. There are Hillsboro Bay (Mr. Sung) and Thirty Six (Mr. Chao), winner of the Yunnan Handicap and the Kwangtung Handicap respectively, to be reckoned with, as these two ponies are also fast over sprint distances, although they have only been recently promoted.

Lancashire Lass will be taken out by Mr. Black and, although it has not had a win to its credit for a long while, it may show up to-morrow. Expansion Time (Mr. Wei) should not be disregarded as it is quite capable of causing an upset here. Rob Roy (Mr. Poy) and Potentate (Mr. P. P. Botelho), from the Eu-Tong-stable, will also have a say over this distance as they are good enough to extend the above ponies if they have regained some of their old form.

I nominate Peaceful View to win, with Expansion Time second and Rob Roy third.

WELL BELOW FORM

A FRIENDLY game was played on Tuesday (during the Black-out) between Molthen and Hearther and Blount and Watts. None of the four players returned outstanding scores.

On this occasion Watts and Blount won by 67 pins, the scores being as follows:

Corp. Watts 845	Ernie Hearther 808
Corp. Blount 831	Doc Molthen 803

Strange as it may seem when four good bowlers like Blount, Watts, Hearther and Molthen meet, there was only one score of 200 or over made, and this was made by Hearther on his fourth game. He scored a good 211, but it is hard to understand, and is really beyond my comprehension how a good bowler of Hearther's standing could drop to a 124 and 122, which he made on his second and third games. These are probably the lowest scores he has ever put up in a match game.

BISCHOFF ON TOP

THE match between Asheville first team and Asheville Engineers resulted in a win for the latter team by 141 pins, the individual scores being as follows:

ASHEVILLE ENGINEERS	ASHEVILLE FIRST TEAM
C. J. Fleming 720	A. J. Bischoff 747
Joe Harvey 657	J. W. Hinz 615
C. E. Ewing 621	E. L. Wood 495

There was no doubt about the poor quality of bowling all round and this was no doubt due to the fact that windows, doors, etc., were blacked-out, and visibility was not too good.

It is a long time since I have seen such lowly scoring.

SIGNALS WIN

ON Thursday, October 24, a five game Duck Pin match, which was originally intended to be played between the Alley Duck Pin Team and our old friends U.S.S. Mindanao had to be postponed owing to Naval, Military and Volunteer duties, but Mindanao put out a team and the Royal Corps of Signals played them instead.

On this occasion Royal Signals won very comfortably by 356 pins, individual scores being as follows:

SIGNALS	MINDANAO
J. H. Watts 551	T. A. Slater 432
A. Clegggett 504	R. E. Skiver 431
H. B. Wilkins 478	C. E. Vaughan 418
D. H. Hall 423	W. H. Edwards 319

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DISAPPOINTINGLY SMALL CROWDS AT SHIELD ENCOUNTERS

By "Skip"

Considering that a programme of four matches was provided, the attendance at the Gutierrez International Shield matches at Craigengower last Saturday was very disappointing, although many more turned up for the semi-finals the following day.

On Saturday the only upset, if such it can be called, was the defeat of Australia at the hands of the Philippines. The latter were much too good for the opposition of whom I thought Bill Way, on his own green, was very disappointing, with the result that Jimmy Kew, who drew some spectacular shots, and Teddy Fincher, were always fighting an uphill battle.

I indicated a win for Ireland, but it was not until the very last bowl had been delivered that I was proved right. The Irish team pulled up exceptionally well after trailing all the way and being led 17-2, with only four or five ends to go. But they had a lead of a couple of shots when the last head began.

Rosselet's Problem

And what is more they lay a bunch before Joe Landolt drew the first shot.

Charlie Rosselet was set a problem. He could either drive the jack through and secure a big enough count, or else try to draw with his first. Had he succeeded in the latter—and he was drawing very well until these last few ends—he would probably have tried to put another one in.

He chose to drive with both woods and found the same port each time.

Wales were never conceded a hope against England, but actually her players surprised me—especially Ogden, who has not, as yet, an outstanding reputation. Younghusband played well, and was probably inspired by his first two woods, which both scored when the Englishmen were counting three. A great start! Perkins was steady as lead for the winners, but none of the others were outstanding.

Duncan Prominent

The best standard of bowling was seen in the game between India and Scotland, which the former won by a singleton. Bob

Duncan was the hero of the day, and he saved his side repeatedly, some of his drawing being nothing short of uncanny—I almost wrote miraculous!

Willie McLeod and Bob Morrison were beating the two Rumjahnns most of the time, and it was left to the Omars to retrieve the situation.

"K.M." especially rarely failed in this but with Duncan altering the subsequent lay so often, "U. M." had plenty to do—and was not found wanting.

Semi-Finals

The semi-finals at Kowloon Cricket Club on Sunday proved much more one-sided than was expected, England beating Philippines quite comfortably after an even start and India proving much too strong for Ireland.

K. M. Omar was not nearly as good as on the previous day, but the lead, and No. 2 did better, though the opposition was not so deadly. The elder Omar was the best man on view, but I was disappointed in Lockhart, who could not find his touch at all, whilst his instructions—or lack of them—did not suit the critics on the bank.

England's Win

After the latter had led 10-5, England and Philippines were 10-10 at the 12th, which gives an idea of how things were going, but when the England team got really going there was only one team in it. Atienza played some excellent woods, but Dick Bass was even better, whilst Sheriff and Hall, their respective opponents, also "did their stuff," especially towards the finish.

Perkins was, again, steady, but as a pair the two Castros had the better of the winners' lead and No. 2.

Kowloon Cricket Club will hold its annual intra-club bowls match on Sunday, when the over forties will meet the under forties. Play will start at 10 a.m.

Pay Section Eliminated

K.M. OMAR NEW C.C.C. CHAMPION

K. M. Omar won the Craigengower Cricket Club Singles Lawn Bowls title during the week as the result of a walk-over from U. M. Omar.

Y.M.C.A. LOSE TO H.K.S.R.A. AT HOCKEY

AT KING'S PARK YESTERDAY AFTERNOON, Y.M.C.A. SENIORS WERE DEFEATED BY A TEAM FROM H.K.S.R.A. BY TWO CLEAR GOALS IN A FRIENDLY HOCKEY MATCH. THE WINNERS LED 1-0 AT THE INTERVAL.

Dunne, inside-left, was the best in the losers' attack, and Spencelayh played a sound game on the right-wing. Waldron was the pick of the intermediate line, while Benwell saved well between the sticks.

For the winners, Nur Khan and Mohd Yusaf, who each scored, were the most outstanding players on the field.

Y.M.C.A.—Benwell, Jordan and Smith; Croft, Pennington and Waldron; Spencelayh, Ure, Colledge, Dunne and Ireson.

H.K.S.R.A.—Mohd Fazal; Mohd Yusaf and Mashan Singh; Gajjan Singh, Draz Khan and Mohd Nawaz; Mumtaz Ali; Pyara Singh; Kishan Singh, Gurdas Singh and Nur Khan.

ROYALS BEAT R.E.

In a friendly hockey match at Sookunpoo yesterday, Royal Scots beat Royal Engineers by 4 goals to 2 after leading at the interval by the odd goal in three.

Blackburn, Cornwall, Fargas and Wilkes scored for Royals and Twomey and Fishlock for Sappers.

C.C.C. MEETING

An increase in the monthly subscription by \$1, making it \$3, was approved at the annual meeting of Craigengower Cricket Club yesterday. Mr. C. S. Rosselet presided in the absence of Mr. B. W. Bradbury, president.

The meeting unanimously approved that Messrs. L. E. Lammer and R. Pestonji be elected Life Members. Addressing the meeting, Mr. Lammer recalled that he joined the Club on its inception in 1894 and had thus beaten Mr. Pestonji by one year.

Following office-bearers were appointed:

President, Mr. B. W. Bradbury; Vice-President, Mr. C. S. Rosselet; Hon. Secretary, Mr. E. Zimmermann; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. H. W. Randall; Committee, Messrs. L. C. R. Souza, A. E. Coates, W. K. Way, Dr. N. P. Karamia, L. E. Lammer, W. O. Noddes, J. Leonard, Dr. V. N. Atienza.

Conveners:—Bowls, Mr. L. C. R. Souza; Tennis, Mr. J. W. Leonard; Badminton, Mr. W. O. Noddes; House Committee, Mr. W. K. Way; Social Committee, Mr. A. E. Coates.

Cricket:—Captain 1st XI, E. Zimmermann; Vice-Captain, G. Souza; Captain 2nd XI, A. M. Omar; Vice-Captain, B. R. Iranca.

POLICE SOCCER WIN OVER R.A.F.

Police second eleven entertained and beat Royal Air Force in a friendly football match at Boundary Street yesterday afternoon by 4 goals to 1 after leading 3-1 at the end of the first period.

Police scored their goals through Pope, Wong Man-kyal, Kong Chung and Lau Hing-cho, while Richardson scored for R.A.F.

BILL SIMPSON EMPLOYS THE RIGHT TACTICS

By "Skip"

FOUR MORE MATCHES IN THE "CHINA MAIL" CHALLENGE CUP COMPETITION WERE PLAYED OVER THE WEEK-END AND THERE WERE ONE OR TWO SURPRISING RESULTS, THE ELIMINATION OF THE PAY SECTION BEING THE CHIEF ONE, I THOUGHT.

Third Battery played their first game to date and after a good recovery put out Scottish Company's "E" rink, composed of members of the Kowloon Dock platoon. As both the first battery teams won they can be said to be going great guns.

Progress has been slow to date and few matches are due for decision this week-end, but on November 10 there will be a full programme, possibly morning and afternoon as the Final is scheduled to be played on the afternoon of November 17. The programme for this week has been announced, and next week's will be issued earlier in the week, and it is hoped that it will be strictly adhered to.

Field Engineers' "B" were the conquerors of Pay Section, who on their previous form looked more than useful. But Bill Simpson employed the right tactics in playing an aggressive game as the first two pay men were drawing well to the jack, and the jack was not infrequently difficult to move by methods other than those of the demolition variety.

Bert Muskett, who used to play such a sound game for the Hong Kong Electric team, was right off his game, and Rakusan found his task too hard.

Walker Excels

Willie Walker was the star turn of the game between Third Battery and No. 2 "E" and he put hardly one wasted wood down, saving repeatedly early on when the Dock men were usually counting three or more when he went down to bowl, and adding his quota subsequently. Charlie Thom did quite well as skip, an usual position for him but Willie Tillery was the surprise man of the side, his form being excellent considering his infrequent appearances on the green.

Thom, who by the way has not yet the rank which his initials would seem to indicate, excelled himself at the 16th and 17th heads, when the Gunners had taken the lead for the first time. He out-drew Walker for one shot first of all and then added a couple at the next head to regain the ascendancy. But the Artillerymen secured eight in the last three heads to record a worthy win.

1st Battery Surprised

First Battery "B" again surprised me by eliminating No. 5 Company "B" after an exciting finish as one could wish for, the scores being knotted, as the baseball scribes call it, at the 20th.

Botelho was lying one shot when he went down to bowl and

SCHOOL-BOY LEAGUE

Ten school teams have already entered for the Kowloon Inter-School Small Boys' Miniature Football League, sponsored by the Children's Playgrounds Association, Hong Kong.

The teams are:—Wah, Yan College; The Primary School of Canton University; Munsang College; Kowloon English College; National English School; Tak Ming College; Mun Far College; Nam Mo College; and Ming Sun School. A representative meeting to discuss matters concerning the organisation of the League will be held to-morrow at 2 p.m. in the Social Room of Chinese Y.M.C.A., Kowloon Branch.

SUNDAY'S GAMES

Following is the programme of Cup matches this Sunday:

AT CLUB DE RECREIO
1st Battery "A" v 1st Battery "B" (At 3 p.m.)
AT K.C.C.
No. 6 Coy. "A" v 3rd Battery (At 10 a.m.)
AT C.S.C.
5th Battery v Stanley "A" (At 10 a.m.)
AT K.F.C.
No. 5 Coy. "A" v A.S.C. Coy. "A" (At 10 a.m.)

wisely tried to block with his first wood. This he failed to do and Jack drew the shot. The Portuguese skip rested this beautifully, only for Jack to do the same amidst a loyal show of jubilation on the part of his team.

No. 3 Company's "B" team appeared to have every chance of beating First Battery "A" when they led by 16-10 quite late in the game, but the latter staged a fine recovery at the last four heads to enter the next round, in which they unfortunately have to meet their "B" team. Norman Mackay played a useful game as three for the losers, whilst Duggie Hung showed an aptitude for the game.

Kern Prominent

The only other match which was played was another of those domestic affairs, in which the two A.S.C. teams met. The "A" men, after securing a lead of 10-3, lost a five, which should have been saved, and subsequently had to fight every inch of the way, for the "B" team drew level at 14-14 and took the lead from the first team a couple of heads later when they chalked up another nap hand. Fortunately, for the peace of mind of the selectors, Kern pulled off a wonderful shot to draw level with a three at the next head, and dogged bowls—in the dark I may add—produced three singletons at the remaining heads.

Kern was excellent throughout, being positively brilliant to begin with, and he certainly saved the situation by drawing a second shot at the last head as Rosselet; whose heavy ones connected pretty well, picked out what was originally the first shot.

For the winners the lead was good and gave the O.C. plenty of work to do in trying to remove him, in which he succeeded several times. Tuck for the losers drew some pretty shots but Joe Meyer could do nothing right except on one occasion, when the wood hit his leg when being delivered and finished up within an inch of where he was told to place it!

CHESS RESULTS

Following were the results of matches played yesterday evening in the annual Senior Tournament of Kowloon Chess Club:

G. S. Coxhead drew with C. M. Sequiera, K. M. A. Barnett beat A. Y. Brikhoff, D. E. de Carvalho beat W. Lee, B. D. Evans beat M. W. Olsuffeff. In a Junior Tournament game, A. C. Poupard beat Th. Laufer.

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ARMY SPORTLIGHT

By "SQUADY"

Hockey

IN the Departmental Corps Hockey League last week Royal Air Force defeated Service Corps in a hard game by the odd goal in five at Sookunpoo. Signals beat Medicals by the only goal of the match, and Combined Military Hospital were given a walk-over by Ordnance, who were unable to field a team.

To-day Signals are playing Air Force at Sookunpoo at 4.45 p.m., and the winners of this match have the best opportunity of winning the League, and both sides are evenly matched.

On Wednesday at Sookunpoo R.A.O.C. lost to Medicals by one goal to nil.

At Happy Valley on Monday Signals did well to beat a Naval XI by five clear goals. Temple, Player, and Wilkins each scoring once and Cpl. Blount twice for Signals.

Association Football

THE second Army trial—the first was anything but satisfactory—will be held on Wednesday, November 20, and the following have been selected to play: Reda—Moxham R.E.; Freshwater, Mx., and Hamlen, R.A.S.C.; Birrell, R.E., Bright, Mx., and Wilkin, Mx.; Commer, Mx., Morgan, R.A.S.C., Fox, Engineers, Clarke, R.A.S.C., and Cpl. Martin, R.A.S.C. Whites—Duncan, R.S., Lawton, R.A. and Naysmith, R.S.; Shaw, R.E., Parnaby, R.S., Falconer, R.S.; Lam Wai-lun, R.E., Pearson, Mx., Hossack, R.S., Young, R.A.S.C. and S/Sgt. Duffield, R.A.O.C.

To-morrow Middlesex are playing Kowloon and will be without P. S. M. Riches, who was injured on Tuesday in a car accident.

Sappers will most probably be without the services of Fox, who is on the injured list.

Guy, of 30th R.A., is also on the sick list and will be greatly missed this week-end.

Signals are strengthening their team this week by bringing in Taylor and Parry in the defence. They were unable to play last week. Sgt. Bundy, who played for Army last season, will be making his first appearance in League football this season.

ARTILLERY BEAT R.E. BY FOUR RUNS

Royal Artillery beat Royal Engineers by 4 runs in a match at Sookunpoo yesterday.

Clague hit two boundaries in a dour innings of 48 not out. He also recorded 27 singles and took part in a third wicket stand of 41 with Alec Pearce. Tropp's 39 included five boundaries.

Martin at one time had 4 for 18, and it was his bowling performance which enabled Gunners to win.

ROYAL ARTILLERY

Capt. Ingram, c Denyer, b Megson	0
2nd/Lieut. J. L. C. Pearce, b Tropp	3
2nd/Lieut. T. A. Pearce, l.b.w., b Denyer	21
Lieut. Clague, not out	48
Dobbinson, b Denyer	2
Franklin, st. Gales, b Parsons	2
McCadder, b Denyer	5
Sibbers, b Bailey	11
Martin, c Grose, b Bailey	10
Braddock, b Shipp	0
Smith-Dutton, b Bailey	2
Extras (B11)	11

Total 115

Bowling Analysis

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Megson	5	0	23	1
Tropp	3	0	15	1
Denyer	6	1	20	3
Parsons	6	0	14	0
Bailey	3.3	0	16	3
Shipp	2	0	10	1

ROYAL ENGINEERS

Spr. Tropp, b Martin	39
Spr. Bailey, b Dobbinson	0
Sgt. Shipp, b Clague	12
L/Cpl. Shaw, b Clague	22
Sgt. Denyer, c Braddock, b Clague	7
Major Grose, c and b Martin	1
S/Sgt. Megson, b T. A. Pearce	1
Major Parsons, b Martin	4
L/Cpl. Parnaby, not out	8
C/S. M. Gales, c and b T. A. Pearce	8
L/Cpl. Marrott, b Martin	8
Extras (B10, LBI)	11

Total 111

Bowling Analysis

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Dobbinson	4	0	27	1
Clague	5	0	27	3
T. A. Pearce	7	1	18	2
Martin	5.3	0	33	4

Small Units Football

TWO games will be played in the Small Units competition next week, between 40 (F) Coy of the Engineers and HQ Coy of the Middlesex on St. Joseph's ground, Happy Valley, kick off 2 p.m. and the other game between the 22nd (F) Coy Engineers and A Coy of the Royal Scots at Sookunpoo, kick off 3 p.m.

Rowing Regatta

IN the forthcoming Rowing Regatta, which is being held in two weeks time, Service Corps have been getting down to training hard and have entered for the Brown Cup, Ah King Cup, and the Chaplain's Cup, and Sappers will have to watch them rather closely as they are out to win as many trophies as possible this year.

Tennis

I understand that Middlesex are playing a Doubles Tennis tournament open to all ranks, which they hope to complete before going to camp. It is rather late in the season to think about tennis, but it is a good idea and will give them a pointer as to strength for next year. This tournament, however, should be held just before the League is due to start and would thus enable the selectors to select the best team.

Around The Soccer Fields

A full programme of soccer games was played during last week-end and though the majority of games resulted as expected there were several surprises, two of which were caused by Royal Scots.

In First Division Royals did remarkably well to share the points with Navy after being led by two goals 10 minutes from time. Hendy, who played for Navy at full-back the greater part of last season, was in great form in the attack and scored four of Navy's five goals. Royals' forward line played well and Marshall and Munro had their share in the goal-scoring.

Clarke made a welcome return to the intermediate line after his injury in the first game of the season and played well.

Saints Handicapped

WEAKENED by injuries, St. Joseph's were no match for Middlesex, who played good soccer throughout. Sheehan, who has played in several positions this season for Middlesex, was a constant danger in attack and received able support from Saw and Pearson. Coomer, on the right wing, also played well.

All in place of Tsang, in Saints' goal, gave an impressive display considering this was the first time he has played in that position. Bowen was not fast enough for the Middlesex forwards.

Cruz, on the left-wing, was not his usual self. His centring was poor and he would not shoot when well-placed.

Better Inside Man

CLUB started off promisingly enough against Eastern, but fell off badly later to be beaten by 6 goals to 2. Riesen played his first game for two seasons, but he was injured early in the game and was then a passenger in the intermediate line.

South China were unlucky to draw with Sing Tao. A little more steadiness on the part of Tam Kwan-kon would have given them full points. Sing Tao never looked like a winning team and without Lai Shul-wing their attack was robbed of much of its sting. The absence of Chau Man-chi and Chan Tak-fai from South China's attack was

By "Referee"

also keenly felt. Lee Tak-kee played a remarkably good game and is obviously more useful to the attack in an inside position than on the wing, the position he played against Middlesex the previous week.

K. Wah Slipping

KWONG WAH are sinking deeper into the mire. On Sunday they were outplayed by Police, who thus registered their first win. Lee Kwok-chui, Kwong Wah's goal-keeper, is still on the injured list and his place was taken by Wong Wah-guy.

Todd played in goal for Police instead of Taylor, but he did not have much to do. Howlett, Moss and Frier were good forwards, but none were able to finish a movement in the approved style, though all could shoot at times.

Engineers Held

THE great surprise in Second Division was the feat of Royal Scots. They shared the points with Royal Engineers

in a fast game at Sookunpoo on Sunday. Bankier played a good game for Royals, in goal, and saved his side. Royals had hard luck in not winning when Gallagan sent in a hard shot which hit the cross bar with Moxham beaten.

A.S.A. Recruits

NO team experiences so much difficulty in raising a side as A.S.A. The members of their teams are in different companies of the Defence Corps so that they have not yet been able to field their best side. In future they will be strengthened by L. Souza and I. Fernandes, formerly of St. Joseph's, while it is possible that several Army players will be playing for them for the game's sake.

International are making every effort to win the Third Division. They have a good team with local talent, but they are not satisfied and are now enlisting the services of Army players wherever possible. Iley, of Engineers, has turned out for them several times already and has been their main goal scorer. Boody and others of Royal Engineers will probably join them soon.

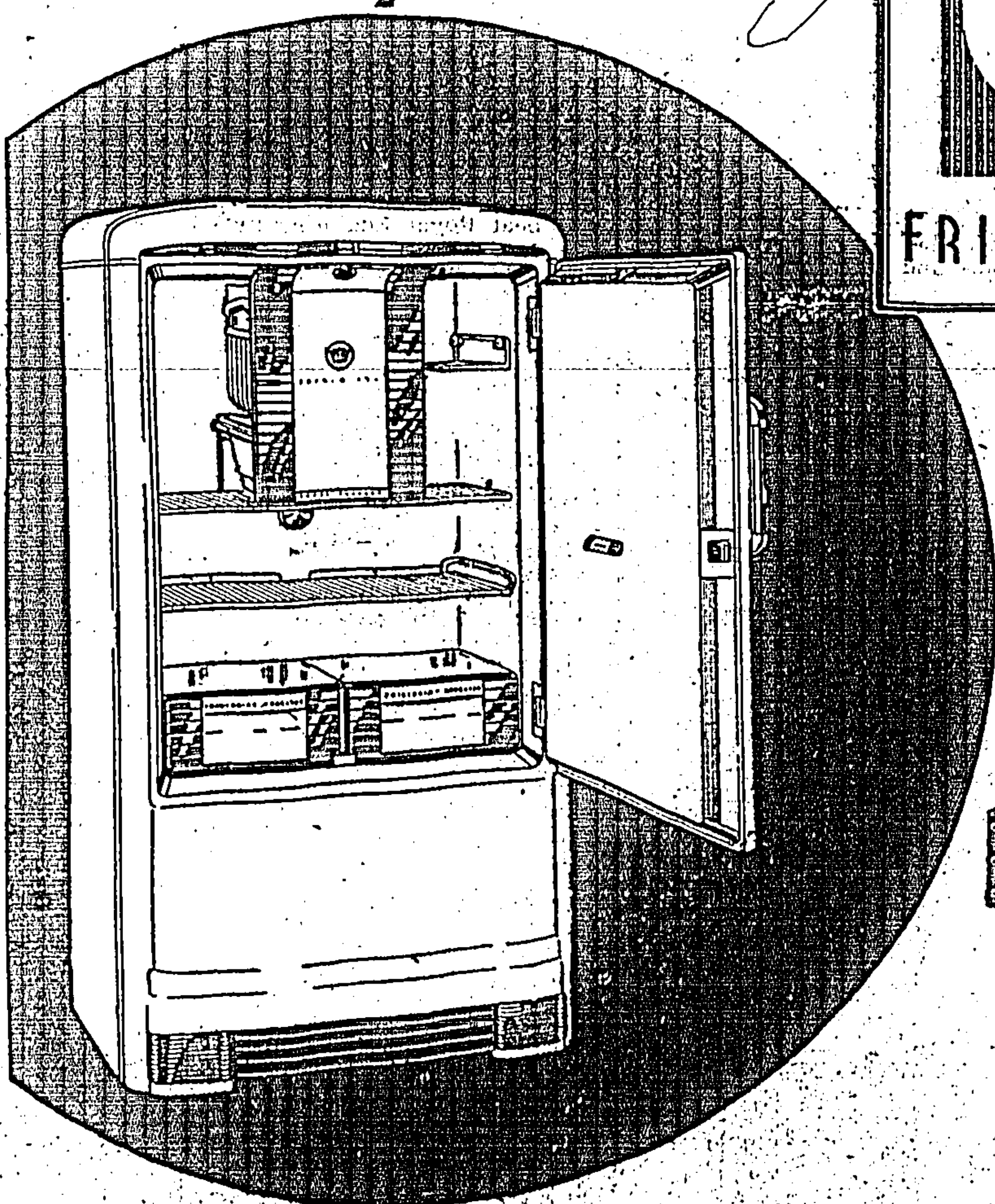
Referees' XI

REFEREES' team for their Annual game against Press has been announced and includes several active footballers. They should account for the Press providing Sing Tao do not take the field!

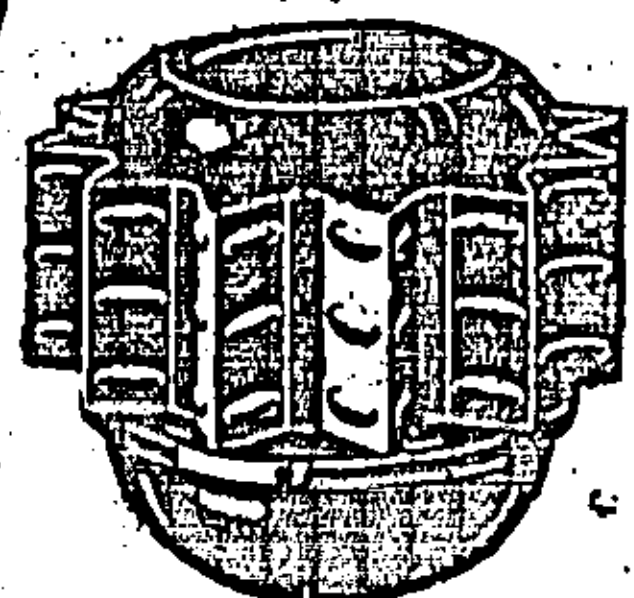
Fraser is the Royal Scots' First Division back, Brakenberry leads the Signals' attack, while Smith, who generally plays in goal for Medicals, will be seen on the right-wing.

The Finals of the Inter-school Swimming championships will be held this afternoon at 2 p.m. at Victoria Recreation Club.

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EVACUEE PENALTY WARNING

Those British women who are being required to leave the Colony for Australia in a vessel leaving during the second week of this month, received their final notices yesterday evening.

Possibly in view of the defiant attitude displayed by some of the women who protested before the Evacuation Advisory Committee, the notices included a reminder that the penalty for failure to comply was a maximum fine of \$1,000 and or imprisonment.

ABANDONED CAR

Six months' hard labour was imposed by Mr. E. Himsforth this morning on Leung Shum, 28, for attempting to steal a spare wheel from a private car.

Det.-Sgt. W. G. Morrison said the car, No. 2419, owned by Dr. C. K. Yu, was reported missing on Monday afternoon from a park in Shanghai Street.

Later that day, accused was seen trying to take the spare wheel in Sam Chuk Yuen Road, Kowloon City.

November Ten As Church Day Of Remembrance

THE KING HAS decided that the usual Armistice Day service at the Cenotaph shall not be held this year and the Government feel that in present circumstances it would be preferable that other large services which it has been the custom to hold throughout the country should not be held.

In view of the risk of confusion with air raid warning signals it will not be possible to signal a two-minutes silence as in previous years.

TUNGCHI TO MOVE ONCE MORE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
THE WELL-KNOWN TUNGCHI NATIONAL UNIVERSITY, FORMERLY IN SHANGHAI AND NOW IN YUNNANFU, IS PREPARING TO MOVE TO ANOTHER CITY IN WESTERN SZECHUEN, THE NAME OF WHICH IS NOT REVEALED, IN ORDER TO ESCAPE THE RISK OF JAPANESE BOMBINGS.

The sum of \$150 each has been subscribed by the students for travelling expenses. Most of them will cover a distance of about 700 miles on foot.

It is the fourth time Tungchi University has changed location since the outbreak of the Sino-Japanese war. It first removed from Shanghai to west Kwangsi before settling in Yunnanfu. — Havas.

November 11 will, however, be observed as Poppy Day as hitherto and the British Legion are making usual arrangements for the sale of poppies in aid of Earl Haig's Fund.

The following announcement has been issued by the Archbishop of Canterbury:

"The government have announced that in present circumstances Armistice Day cannot be observed in the once customary manner. While this is inevitable there will be a general desire that Armistice Day should not pass without the associations which have so long surrounded it. It is therefore proposed, with the approval of the King, that Sunday, November 10, should be observed in our various places of worship and in our hearts and homes as a day of remembrance and dedication.

The Task That Awaits

Remembrance — we shall still remember those who fought and died for their country's cause in the last war, and with them now those who have already in the present war given their lives.

Dedication — we shall dedicate ourselves to the task of finishing, if it may be, the work which the men of 1914-1918 sought to do, and of doing and giving our utmost to win the victory of freedom, justice and peace.

We shall dedicate our minds and wills even now to the task which will await us when this war is over — the task of bringing in a new and better ordering of our common life both national and international on a basis of Christian faith and on loyalty to the Kingdom of God. — British Wireless.

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DANGEROUS GOODS

Five junk masters were each fined \$50 by Mr. E. Himsforth this morning for possession of dangerous goods without a licence.

The junks were visited by the Water Police during a routine search, and several hundred tins of kerosene were found on board.

RADIO SET STOLEN

Private Houghton, of the Middlesex Regiment, has reported the theft of a Zenith wireless set, valued at \$80, from his quarters yesterday.

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STOP PRESS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

According to a special message to the London "Daily Mail," a large detachment of Royal Marines have been landed by the Navy at an island south of Corfu, presumably Paxos.

There is no confirmation of this in official quarters in London.—INS.

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

A Tirana message says Signor Mussolini is expected to arrive by air from Rome within the next few days.

Count Ciano arrived yesterday.—INS.

The Turkish public, says a Reuter message from Istanbul, is eagerly awaiting the speech by General Ismet Inönü, the President, in opening the winter session of the Grand National Assembly this afternoon. He is expected to define Turkey's internal and foreign policy in the present complicated international situation.

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